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The Editor's Preface.

THE most valuable materials for national history have frequently to be sought for in sources far different from the works of the general historian, whose pages are more frequently devoted to the political than the social position of the people, whose history is the object of his labours. To obtain a glimpse of their actual state under the existing institutions of a particular period, we must examine them working out their system of jurisprudence in legal pleadings; we must see them engaged in their various professions and trades—in their pageants and sports,—and we must be acquainted with their manners and dress. It is almost in vain to expect in ordinary histories an accumulation of incidental facts bearing on all such points, although these are to be regarded in proportion as they have incorporated in them such disjointed facts, as a reference to the chronicles, judicial proceedings, familiar epistles, and fragmentary relics of past times will amply afford.

The records of the Burgh of Aberdeen present us with a greater combination of these than is generally to be found in similar sources; and their historical importance has long been acknowledged by those who have had access to them.

They reach back to a very remote period, and enable us to trace the effects wrought on society by the political and religious changes which occurred; while they are full of many minute incidents which serve to fill up a picture of the condition of our forefathers in all its parts.

These Records comprehend the proceedings of the Council of the Burgh, of the Baillie Court, and the Guild Court. From 1398, when the first volume commences, to 1745, being the period comprized in the selections to be printed for the Club, they extend to 61 folio volumes, containing on an average about 600 pages each. With the exception of volume third, containing the proceedings from 1414 to 1433, there is no blank in the series.

In "The Catalogue of the registeris and baillie court buikis of Abirdene presentlie extint, or hes bene during the memorie of man, thir thre scoir yeiris bygane, maid and collectit treulie, as thai ar, be Mr. Thomas Mollisvne, clerk of Abirdene, primo Septembris 1591,"[1] it is stated that there then existed "peces and partis of four ald imperfyt and informall buikis consumitt and eittin be mothes, for aldnes and antiquite euill to be red, yit to be keipit for a monument be resoun of the antiquite." The same scribe conjectures that there was "na register nor court buik of Abirdene extant, nor yit knawin that ony buik or register of the said court wes before the yeir of God ane thousand thre hundred and fourscoir yeiris. Befor this, scrowis on parchment contening sum courtis of the Burght of Abirdene writin in Latyne all, and for ilk yeir ane skrow: na mater of importance or weycht extant or registrat thairin, nother yit ony ordinance or statut sett dounn, onlie suittis and actionis, or processus for annuellis, euil to be red, be resoun of the antiquite of the wreit, and forme

[1] [MS. in the Archives of the Burgh.]

of the letter or charecter, weray schortlie and compendiouslie wretin, quhilk is not now vsit; and skairslie gif ony man can reid the samyn." None of these scrolls of parchment have come down to our times.

The selections now printed have been taken from the first twenty-seven volumes of these Records. The principle on which they were made, was to select and print entire those entries which bore reference to the history and manners of the period over which they extended. They are given precisely as they stand in the Registers, except in a very few cases where lists of the names of burgesses, and frequent repetitions of mere formalities, have been abridged.

To facilitate a reference extending over so wide a field, recourse was had to the Index to these Records, prepared by the late William Kennedy, Esq., Advocate, by the assistance of which a considerable part of the selections in the first part of the volume were made. A more rigid examination of the original Records induced the Editor to make additional selections from the earlier volumes, which will be found in the latter part of the present volume. A short notice, indicating the subject of each entry, has been prepared, and is prefixed to the volume under the title of Contents, and an Index of the principal names and places is added at the end.

As the Editor found it impossible to devise any system of classifying materials so various and discordant, which appeared at all satisfactory, he has given them in their chronological order, a plan which seemed less objectionable than any other.

In the succeeding volumes of Selections to be printed for the Club, will be given Extracts, commencing about the period at which the present volume terminates, from the Accounts kept by

the Treasurer of the Burgh, and the Dean of Guild, which will be found most valuable illustrations of the other Records.

The first volume is very much occupied with municipal statutes regulating the prices of provisions of all kinds: great care was manifested that the quality of these should be of the proper standard; and certain qualified officials were annually elected to watch over this department, under the names of *gustatores vini*, *gustatores cervisie*, *appreciatores carniorum*, and the like.

The profits of merchants were regulated in a similar way:

Item, that na fieschewar mak [ ] nor by to sel agayne ony turbote, as said is, bot thai sal haue for the brekyng of a turbote quhilk is bocht within xii d. j d., and quhen it exceedis xii. d. ii d., quhill it cum to ii s., and swa furth for ilke schilling i d., and he sal haue nane vther eschetis, bot al sal be brokin to the biaris, vnder the payne forsaid.

Item, that na man tak on hand to by vitale mar na will suffice thar housis, to tap agayne at derth apon the commounys, and give ony nychtbour has vitale to sell, that thai tap it nocht in houss bot in the merkatt playneli apon the merkat dai, vnder the payne of viii s. unforgiffin, and eschete of sic gude, but fawour. [Extracts, p. 397.]

Many of the regulations in this volume and subsequently are directed against forestallers, who are "they quha pre-occupies and byes merchandice before it cum to the mercat, or to the stall or place quhair it suld be sauld, or the time of day statute and ordained thereto;"[1] thus "Item, aliqua regrataria emat aliquod antequam veniat ad forum et crucem burgi et pulsationem campani solvet xii d.," a regrater being he "quha byis ony merchandice or vther thing, and takis vnleasumlie greater price for the samin afterward."[2]

It was unlawful for any merchant to pay a larger price than the statute one.

Item, that na man by woll skynnes derar than x d., schorlinges vi d., scaldynes iii d., the dusane of lentrinwar viii. d., the dusane of futfellis ii. s.; and quhasa dois in the contrar sall, euery tym that he trespasses, pay, but remissioune, vi s. viii d. to the commone werk and profite of this toune. [*Ibid*, p. 397.]

No one was allowed to pay more for wool in Buchan than 2s., ex-

1 [Skene de Verborum Significatione voce REGRATER.]
2 [Skene, *ut supra*.]

cept for that of lords and free tenants, for which last not more than 30d. was to be given. The wool of Mar and the Garioch was not to exceed in price 30d. Whoever paid more than these prices was to be fined 20s. for each offence, and lose his liberty within burgh for a year and day.

Occasionally a qualified permission is given to buy at any price, thus :—

Et memorandum quod quilibet est liber ad emenda. infra Marr pro quocunque precio pro quo voluit et ly Marr contin. a Monymusk et Kege et Forbes australiter dovne the water of Donne ad Abirden apon the su [syd] of that ilk watter.

And thir arr the sortis that arr outetane the Lord of Mar, Sir W. of Keth, the Bischop of A[berden], the Abbot of Der, the Lord the Hay, Malcolm Marchell, S. Jon of Nevy, Andr. of Keth pater, Sir Henry Preston, Thom. Brisbane, Alexr. Fraser of Percok.

And qwa sua brekis this ordenance, he sal pay xl s. als oft tymes as he brekis it, how mekyll or how lytil that euer he buyis within a sek of woll; and gif any excedis byand mar than a sett. of woll agayn this ordenance, how oftymys he dois he sall pay iiii [s.] [*Ibid.*, p. 382.]

These regulations would seem to indicate that the supply of provisions and raw material had been very limited, and that it was therefore necessary to repress the temptation which might arise of buying up goods and retailing them at an inordinate profit.

It was also unlawful for a burgess to procure lordship against his brother burgess, that is, to procure the influence of these "extraneans" in their quarrells and causes. Thus it was statuted,

Quod quicunque vicinus ville vel inhabitans villam qui procurat dominos contra vicinum suum, vel contra aliquem in habitantem villam, soluet qualibet vice qua sic fecerit, quadraginta solidos sine remissione, pro tribus vicibus Et si quarta vice fecerit, priuabitur a libertate sua penitus et omnino. Et si non habeat unde soluet dictam penam incarcerabitur per tres dies et tres noctes et postea abuirabit villam pro anno et die. [*Ibid.*, p. 387.]

And again,

That nane haff lord na lordschip othir na the king, the duke [of Albany], and the erll of Marr. bot his aldirman and his baillies, under the said payne. (P. 389.)

In these turbulent times it became usual for the lesser barons, and also for the burghs, to become the adherents of some powerful nobleman, who, on the other hand, undertook the defence and main-

tenance of his allies. The burgh of Aberdeen accordingly in 1462 granted their band of manrent to the Earl of Huntly, which narrates that the earl had become bound to maintain and keep the town in their freedoms and infeftments, therefore the burgh undertook to be

Lele and trew to the forsaid lorde erle, in counsale gif he askis ws efter oure wittis and knaulage, and kepe his counsale gif he chargis ws, and atour quhen it sall pleise the forsaid lorde to cum to oure saide burgh with few persons or many, and to remain or pas quhen him likis, we sal at all oure gudely powere conserue and kepe him and his company within oure saide burgh, to tak sic part with him in his defens as we wald do for the defens of oure awyn persons, kepand our allegeans til oure souerane lorde the king, and the fredomes of oure said burgh. Thir oure letteres til enduir for al the termes of ten yeres fra the day and date of ye making of thaim. In witnes of the quhilk thing, oure secrete sele to thir oure lettes is affixt, at oure burgh of Aberdene forsaid, the xx^ti day of Januare, the yere of God j^m cccc sexte and twa. [*Ibid.*, p. 22.]

An injury inflicted on the "man" of a nobleman was resented as much as if he himself had been the injured party. Of this a curious instance occurs in the case between William of Cadiou and Robert of Cullace.

The quhilk Mononnday, the courte affermyt, the said Will. comperit, and ane noble and mychte lord the Erle of Avandale and the Constable, on the behalf of the said Robert, comperit and askit the lawcht as tha did on the day before. And than Sir Alexr. of Irwyne, knycht, forspekar to the said Williame, profferit that the said Williame suld acquite him be himself and otheris diuers persones, *that he wist nocht that the said Robert was man to the said Erle, na to the said Constable, na that he come to this toun in thair company.* And attour for the defaute that the said Will. had made to the saidis lordis Erle and Constable, he put hym in thair grace, upon the quhilks the said lord Erle and Constable, sen the thing was greue, tuk to be avisit upon his profferis, and with consent of partis it was differrit be the saidis lordis Erle and Counstable, upon four dayes warnying, the said Wylliame to compeir than befor the alderman and ballzeis in like maner as he comperit this Mononnday, hawand the force and effecte that day as this day but fraude or gile. And at this suld be fulfillit be the said Williame and the partis skathlace in the mentyme. Sir Alexr. of Irwyne is cummyn a borch to the alderman and ballzeis. And at the saidis Williame and Joh. of Cadiou, his cosyne, sal be skathles of the saidis lord Erle, and of the said Constable, and of the said Robert, and of thar pairtie, but fraude or gile, the said Lord Erle and Constable arr becummyn borowes to the saidis aldirmann and ballzeis.

JAMYS OF DOUGLAS OF AVANDALE.

—[*Ibid.*, p. 395.]

It is frequently enjoined to burgesses that they should have their weapons in their booths ready—

The said day, it was statut be the prouost, balzeis, and counsaile, that ale freman of this burgh be weile bodyn and abilzet for weir in thair personis, ilkan efter thair degre and faculte, ilkan hawand ane speir, ane bow, and ane targe, with vthir defensabile wapins, the speir contening v eln and d., to remain within the towne for the resisting of thar ald inemeis of Ingland: and ilkan

freman that falzeis and remayn nocht personaly within this burghe, sale pay viij s. ilkan day vnforgevin, to furnis vther personis. [*Ibid.*, p. 87.]

They were ordered to

Ryss to the ryngyng of the comoun bell, and to biddyng of the officeris of the tovne; and giff ony soudane affray comys, that thai be redy under the said payne; and gif ony keip or persayvis ony schath aperand to the tovne, or ony at duells in it, that thai mak warnyng vnder the said payne. Als, qwatsumeuer has nocht his wapynnis redy, and beris thaim nocht, sal tyne viii s., withoute remissioun, and prisone quhill that viii s. be payit. [*Ibid*, p. 389.]

Such regulations were frequently too closely responded to, and frequent affrays and "*perturbationes ville*" took place. Their warlike habits appear even in the names of the time; thus, we find a tanner with the ominous name of "Johannes out with the Swerd;" and they occasionally peep out in places where they should not have been looked for. Thus, in a case between William of Seton and William Cadiou, which was referred to an assize, after mutual assertions and denials in court,

Thairapon the said William avisit, come before the court and keist downe his hat, *profferand him to fecht in the said querel;* apon the quhilk the said Alexr. Menzes askit ane testimonial of the court how that he manasit and prouokit him, sayand that it nedit nocht, na that he wald nocht fecht in the said querel, sen that it mycht be determyt be the law and the assise; the quhilk assise riply avisit, fand, and deliuerit that the said William of Setoune had strublit William of Cadiou apon forthocht felony, under law borowis; for the quhilk strublance he was adiugit in amerciament of the court, and the said William of Cadiou quite of all strublance of the said William of Setoune.

This may have been a remnant of the right of private battle formerly competent by our law for the decision of civil as well as criminal cases.[1]

It will be found on reference to the Extracts, that almost every case, whether criminal or civil, was decided by a jury, varying in numbers from five, to four times that number. Their verdict decided the truth of the averments brought forward by the parties, and then the judge applied the law to the fact so proved; but the

1 [Quoniam Attachiamenta. Cap. 31, 61.]

"adjustment of the issues" would not seem to have been so tedious a matter in these times as in our own day.

The system of "striking" or finding borghs, of which frequent mention occurs, is recognized in our oldest systems. This had several meanings, as in one view, it is "ane caution or souertie vsed in bying and selling, quhilk the sellar findis to the byar to make the gudis furth cumand as his awin propir gudis, and to warand the samen to him," for it is statute, that "na man sal bye ony gear except the seller thereof finde him ane lauchful pledge, quhilk is called borgh of hamhald."[1]

Again, the borgh might be that the party should be produced in court, in which case the production of his man before the judge was sufficient. "Sed si sit ejus plegius ad standum juri adversario suo tunc erit plegius suus totalita usque ad finem placiti et satisfaciet pro ipso, tam erga curiam, quam erga partim."[2] Again within burgh, "Nullus emat aliquam rem nisi habeat legalem plegium, exceptis cibo potu aut pannis scissuratis ad induendum et hujusmodi minutis mercantiis."[3]

Many illustrations of the working of a system of laws now almost obsolete, will be found in these extracts.

There will also be found some very early specimens of the familiar language then used in letters, contracts, and judicial proceedings. Of these is a letter from the magistrates, in 1401, but wanting the address,

Reuerence and honour likit yhu to wit, that the lord of Keth arestit yhur wyn and yhur oxin, and for gud causis as he lete ws wit; and for yhur sakis we made him request that he suld frely delyuer thaim, for the quilk request he has delyuerit thaim frely at this tym, for we ar thai at wald at gud acord war betuex yhu and hym, and wil do our besynes to bryng it thar to at our power, at the quilk accord he sayis he wald be galdly and sal nocht leve in his defaute. Qwarfor, der lord, it is our consale, and we requir yhu, that for essy of the con-

1 [Skene de Verb. Signific. voce, BORGH.]
2 [Quoniam Attachiamenta. Cap. 17. § 3.]
3 [Leges Burgorum. Cap. 128.]

trar and quiet of our place, yhe wald asich gif yhe ocht aw hym, sa that hym nedit nocht in tyme to cum til mak sic pvndyng and namly in our tovn, for he says it is previt dete that yhe aw hym, and of lang tyme by gane; and gif yhe will adreis yhu to be at ony day with hym for the knawlege of the forsaid thyngis, sends ws word, and we sal late hym wit, and gif it langs ansuer we sal ger send it yhu, for we ar richt mykil haldyn to yhu, and als til hym. God kepe yhur estate as we desir.

In those times, the limits of the jurisdictions conferred on individuals and communities were jealously watched.

In 1436, we find the Baillies of Kintore asserting their rights, by repledging to their own jurisdiction a burgess on whom it was attempted to fasten a claim in Aberdeen;[1] and, in 1530, the Baillie of the Bishop of Aberdeen had to obtain the licence of the Baillies of Aberdeen before he could hang a thief convicted in the Bishop's court.[2]

These records present us with some curious particulars regarding the hospitalities practised by the burgh in former times towards the Scottish monarchs and their attendants. Beginning with the propine of 100 merks to James II in 1455, we have another to the welcome of the same monarch in 1448, of "tua tunnes of Gascoune wyne, sax lichtis of iii stane of wax, and xii haf pundis of scorchetiss, and falyheand tharof xii hale pundis." James IV. received a propine in 1492, and another in 1495. Again, in 1497, when this active monarch performed a pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Duthac, in Ross-shire, he passed through the town on his way thither, and again, on his return southwards. On these occasions he received a propine of wine and spicery. At the same time the Lord Huntly received a pipe of wine, and the Lord Oliphant a gallon of claret. The following ordinance which was passed at the time will show the preparations which were thought necessary on the occasion of the monarch's stay in the burgh:—

The said day, it was thocht expedient, statut, and ordanit, be the alderman, balzies, and con-

1 [Extracts, p. 393.] 2 [Ibid. p. 446.]

sale, for the plesour of our souerane lordis hienes, his lordis and nobles of consale, that all baxteris, brousteris, flesseris, fischearis, stabillaris, candillmakaris, cordonaris, tailzeouris, and ale vtheris men of craftis within this burghe, be weil furnyst and bodyne in gud and sufficient stuf, ilkan according to thair craftis and operacions, to the furnysing of our souerane lordis hienes and his lordis, &c., for the space of xx dayis and forthir, alse lang as his hienes makis residence within this burghe. In the first, all baxteris to haue bakin breid and flour reddy to baik; al broustaris to haue brovyne aile and grundin malt reddy to brew; al stabillaris to to haue sufficient stabillis, hek, manger, corn, foder, and ale vther stuf according thairto; ale flescheris to haue fresche flesche dailie and hourlie slane and to be sclane; ale fischearis to haue fische redy, salt, pouderit, herde, and fresche quhen the wedder ansueris thairto; al candil makaris to haue candile redy maide sufficient stuff; ale tailzeouris, cordonaris, and skinneris, to haue werk maid, stuf reddy to mak, ilkane according to thair craft; al merchandis to haue wax, wine, spicery, and vther merchandice reddy, to the furnesing of our souerane lordis hienes; and that al elding sellaris bring thair elding dailie and hourlie to the mercat.

In 1501, occurred the marriage of the king, for attending which the minstrels of the town received £10 "to furnyss thame to the passage witht the alderman and utheris honorabil nychtbouris."[1] From another entry it would appear that they had been ornamented with a silver badge, having the town's arms engraved on it.[2]

A tax was levied for the passage of "the best and wortheast of the toun to the fest of oure soverane lordis marriage."[3]

In 1504, the king again received "sax par torchis, ane dusane of prekats, iii dusne of syis of walx, ane dusane lib. of scorcheatis, and alsmeikle wine as the master of the sellar plessis to tak till his hienes." He got a propine in 1507, and another in 1509.

In May, 1511, Margaret, the Queen of James, made a visit to the town. On this occasion it was resolved to receive her Majesty "als honorablie as ony burgh of Scotland, except Edinburgh, allanerlie, and to mak als larg expensis thereapone as the prouest and counsail diuis, for the honour of the towne and plesour of his gud grace" Two hundred pounds were to be given to her Majesty; and the following ordinances were passed for the cleansing and beautifying of the town.

Item, it was statut and ordanit, that all personis duelland uteucht the forgait in the baksteris,

[1] [P. 71.] [2] [P. 73.] [3] [Ibid.]

samony as salbe warnit and chargit therto and billit be the prouest and bailzies, furnys and graitht the staris of the forgait with arres werk daily as efferis, under the pane of ilk persone that beis requirit therto, and furnissing nocht the samyn of [ ] s. unforgevin, for the ressaving of our souerane ladye the queyne.

Alusa it was statut and ordanit, that na swyne being within this brught, young nor auld, be hauldin uteucht band of the forgait for ane fiftene dais, this day being runnyne, under the pane of slauchter of the said swyne, escheting of thame, and banyssing of thame that aw the samyne, and als that all the tovn be devoyen of the swn croffis, under the samyn pyane, betuixt this and Thurisday nixt to cum.

Alsua it was statut and ordanit, that all maner of persone or personis that bringis ony byrkis, holingis, gyrss, herbis, or ony vthir grene flouris, haf common passage, and sal haue fre mony and redy siluer for the samyn. [P. 70.]

These notices of her Majesty's visit derive additional interest when taken in connection with the admirable description of the Queen's entry to Aberdeen on this occasion, given by our great national poet Dunbar, who seems to have been a spectator of this event. This was first printed in the recent edition of this "makars" poems, edited by Mr. David Laing, to whom Scottish literature owes so much, and as it is so intimately connected with the subject of these remarks, there is little apology due for here introducing it.

The Quenis Reception at Aberdein.

Blyth Aberdene, thow beriall of all tounis,
  The lamp of bewtie, bountie, and blythnes;
Unto the heaven [ascendit] thy renown is,
  Off vertew, wisdome, and of worthines;
  He nottit is thy name of nobilnes,
In to the Cumming of Oure Lustie Quein,
  The wall of welth, guid cheir, and mirrines:
Be blyth, and blisfull, burgh of Aberdein.

And first Hir mett the burgess of the toun,
  Richelie arrayit as become thame to be,
Of quhom they chesit four men of renoun,
  In gounes of velvot, young, abill, and lustie,
  To beir the paill of velvet cramase
Abone Hir heid, as the custome hes bein;
  Gryt was the sound of the artelerie:
Be blyth, and blisfull, burgh of Aberdein.

Ane fair processioun mett hir at the Port,
  In a cap of gold and silk, full pleasantlie,
Syne at hir Entrie, with many fair disport,
  Ressavit hir on streittis lustilie;
  Quhair first the Salutatioun honorabilly
Of the sweitt Virgin, guidlie mycht be seine;
  The sound of mentrallis blawing to the sky;
Be blyth and blisfull, burgh of Aberdein.

And syne thow gart the Orient kingis thrie
  Offer to Chryst, with benyng reverence,
Gold, sence, and mir, with all humilitie,
  Schawand him King with most magnificence;
  Syne quhow the Angill, with sword of violence,
Furth of the joy of Paradice putt clein
  Adame and Eve for inobedience;
Be blyth and blisfull, burgh of Aberdein.

And syne the Bruce, that evir was bold in stour,
  Thow gart as Roy cum rydand under croun,
Richt awfull, strang, and large of portratour,
  As nobill, dreidfull, michtie campioun;
  The [nobill Stewarts] syne, of great renoun,
Thow gart upspring, with branches new and greine,
  Sa gloriouslie, quhill glaided all the toun:
Be blyth and blisfull, burgh of Aberdein.

Syne come thair four and twentie madinis ying,
  All claid in greine of marvelous bewtie,
With hair detressit, as threidis of gold did hing,
  With quhyt hattis all browderit rycht bravelie,
  Playand on timberallis, and syngand rycht sweitlie;
That seimile sort, in ordour weill besein,
  Did meit the QUEIN, hir saluand reverentlie:
Be blyth and blisfull, burgh of Aberdein.

The streittis war all hung with tapestrie,
  Great was the press of peopill dwelt about,
And pleasant padyheanes playit prettelie;
  The legeiss all did to thair Lady loutt,
  Quha was convoyed with ane royall routt
Off gryt barrounes and lustie ladyis [schene];
  Welcome, Our QUEIN! the commons gaif ane schout:
Be blyth and blisfull, burgh of Aberdein.

At Hir cumming great was the mirth and joy.
  For at thar Croce aboundantlie rane wyne;
Untill hir ludgeing the toun did hir convoy;
  Hir for to treit thay sett thair haill ingyne,

Ane riche present thay did till hir propine ;
Ane costlie coup that large thing wald contene,
Coverit and full of cunyeitt gold rycht fyne :
Be blyth and blisfull, burgh of Aberdein.

O potent PRINCESS, pleasant, and preclair,
Great caus Thow hes to thank this nobill toun,
That for to do The honour, did nocht spair
Thair geir, riches, substance, and persoun,
Thé to ressave on maist fair fasoun ;
Thé for to pleis thay socht all way and mein ;
Thairfoir, sa lang as QUEIN thow beiris Croun,
Be thankfull to this burgh of Aberdein.

In 1526, James V. paid his first visit to the town when it was resolved to give him an "honest propyne," which consisted of "sax potionis of wyne, or the awal of the samyn, in stark mychty wynes and small wynnis; item, sax stane of wax, 34 lib. of scorcheatis, tua sed mettis, foure chaldyr of collis." The Lords of Council also got a propine: "Imprimis, the justice ane potioun of wyne, the lord chancellor ane potioun of wyne, my lord of Angus ane potioun of wyne."[1]

Every craft was ordered to assist in decoring the town; and moreover,

The haill townn beand gaderit and conuenit within the tolbuith for the maist part, the prouest exponit and schew to thame quhow that the kingis grace with his lordis of counsaill ar to cum incontinent to this guid townn, to the haldin of ane justice ayre. Quhairfor he chargit all and sundry the nychtbours of the said guid townn, that nayne of tham sett thair luggenis and husis to na maner of man quhill the kingis suriouris cum, that the townn may knaw quhat lordis and men of guid cumis with him, and thairefter the luggenis and innis ma be sett to tham, be the awiss of the prowest and consall, to ilk man efter his awin estat. And alsuay chargit the stabillaris that thai graitht thair stabillis in the honestest fasion thai can; and that thai haue corne and fodder to sell to furniss the said stabillis sa mony horss as thai will ressaue.

In 1541 the queen of James V. visited the town, when commissioners were appointed to "devyse a certain sowme of money, for the decoring and preparing of this good toune again the quenis

1 [P. 115.]

coming, and to propine her eftir thair power, as the ald wss hes bene within the burght at the first cuming of princis."

In 1543 the earl of Arran, governor of the realm, received a propine, and the town, on being asked by the comptrollar to the queen if they would support the governor by whom he had been sent, and "gif thai vald fortify and menteyne his authorite aganis certane conspiratouris," resolved to "serf him at thair wtter power at all tym."[1]

In 1556, it was resolved to give a propine to the Queen at the next Justice ayr, consisting of wine and spicery. To Monsieur D'Oysel wine and sweetmeats, and to the Justice Clerk a puncheon of wine.[2]

In 1562, Queen Mary made her first entry to the town, when Thomas Menzies explained to the inhabitants that "it is nocht onknawin to thame of her grace honorabill resauing at her first entry, and prencely propynis giffin to hir grace in Edinburght and Dunde, and vther townis that her grace hes vessit, quha all in ane voce dewisit and ordanit the sowme of twa thousand merkis, to be vpliftit for the preparatioun and decoratioun of the toun, and to be propynit to her grace as vise hes beene in tymes bypast to be done to kingis and princes of this realme at their first entre."[3]

Another notice shows that artillery had been fired at her entry, for we find the council agreeing to recompense Thomas Nicolsoune "for the skayth sustenit be him in braking of certane chalmeris of his arteilzerie, quhilkis the toun borrowit fra him, and wes vsit, and schot with pulder in volie at the quenis first entre to this burght,"[4] and the ensign, which had been prepared for the occasion, was in existence in 1616, when it is said to be "all lacerat and revin, and nocht seiming to be borne."[5]

[1] [P. 191.] [2] [P. 300.] [3] [P. 339.] [4] [P. 351.]
[5] [Council Register, vol. 47., p. 512.]

The hospitality of the town was not confined however to such exalted personages. In 1508, the Bishop of Aberdeen [William Elphinstone] received the following propyne:

The saide day, the prouest, ballieis, and counsale, ordanit and diuisit ane propyn in wyne, wax, and spice, to my lord of Abirdene, as eftir follouis: In the first, tua puntionis of wyne cost nyne lib. and iiii s. to cary thame to my lordis place; item, iiii pece wax, price of the stane xviii s., maid in torchis and pricatis, for the makin of thame, iii s., for the treis makyn and savin, xviii d., for tua reuchteris to be the treis, xx d., for wekis, xviii d.; item, ii dusane of scorcheatis, price xlviiii s., ½ galloune of Maluasy, price iiii s. viii d., ane galone of claret, v s. iiii d., ane ½ galloune of quhit wyne, price ii. s., to be pait of the rediast gudis of the toun. Some of the haile, xvi lib. iii s. viii d.

In 1522, they ordered "xii prekatts of wax to be gevin my lord of Abirden [Bishop Gavin Dunbar] now at his cuming, together with xii bostis of skorcheatis, becaus there is na guyd wynnis now to send to his lordschip."

In 1528, the celebrated historian, Hector Boyis was the object of their hospitality, when they

Consentit to propin Maister Hector Boyis to his maister ack in theologie, with ane townn of wyne, gif he will bid quhill new wynnis cum hayme, or thane with tuenty lib. Scottis, to help to by him bonatis, quhilk of thame he thinkis maist expedient, at his awin plesour. And the said counsail to convein this day efter nowne, in the prowest innis, to se and devise quhar this mony salbe esiast gottin.

It will have been remarked that Dunbar's poem describes a mystery or pageant which was performed at the entry of the queen of James IV. to the burgh. Such performances appear to have been favourite amusements in Aberdeen, and frequent entries regarding the regulations to be observed by the performers of them, occur in these extracts.

The first notice is in 1440, when the Abbot of Bon-accord, or, as he is elsewhere termed, the Abbot out of Reason, known in England as the Abbot of Unreason, and in France as the Abbe de Liesse, received the admission dues of a burgess to defray his

expenses in the play of the Haly blude, which was performed at the Windmylhill.[1]

In 1479, the council and brethren of guild agreed "to mak the expensis and costis of the comon gude apon the arayment and uthris necessaris of the play to be plait in the fest of Corpvs Cristi nixt to cum."[2]

The Abbot and Prior of Bonaccord seem to have been conjoined in conducting these exhibitions, which, on some occasions, were performed too much in their character of "Abbatis out of Resoun." In 1445, it was ordained "by the council and mony othir of the gilde, for letting and stanching of diuerse enormyteis done in tyme bygane be the abbotis of this burght, callit of Bone accorde, that, in time to cum, thai will giue na feis to na sic abbotis."

Item, it is sene speidful to thame that for the instant yher thai will have na sic abbot; but thai will that the alderman for the tyme, and a balyhe quhom that he will tak til him, sall supple that faute. P. 14.

In 1496, we find the abbot and prior elected, and receiving their usual fee "for the honour, consolacioun, and plesour of this burghe, lik as hes bene vsit in tymes of thar worthie and honourable progenitouris,"

In 1531, a citizen was elected to the office, and offered some objections to his election, on which the provost produced the king's letters, charging the inhabitants that none of them should refuse any office of honour to which they might be elected by the community,

And inlikwiss how the prouest and counsall had chosen Alexr. Gray and Alexander Knollis to be lords of Bonacord for this instant year, *quhilks has been an office of honor this tymes bygane*, and inquirit at the communite gif they thocht expedient that gin ony of the saids parteis refusit the said office, that our soureigns lords lettres suld be execut on thame in the charpest maner, quhilk the said counsall and communitie thocht expedient to be done. [P. 140.]

[1] [P. 395.] [2] [P. 410.]

Notwithstanding of the honour attached to the office, it did not always meet with respect; for, in 1542, we find Alexander Kayn's wife accused

For the hawy strublens and vile mispersoning of Alex. Gray and Dauid Kintoir, lordis of Bonacord, and thair company present with thame for the tyme, sayand *common beggaris and skafferis, thair meltyd wes bot small for all thair cuttit out hoyss*, with mony oder inurious vordis, unleful to be expremit, quhilk the sayd Alex. denyit; and thairefter it was funden be the haill counsale, present for the tyme, that the said Alexrs wyff hed hevily strubled and mispersonit the saydis Alexr. and Dauid, and the remanent of thair company for the tyme, in maner abown wrytin, quherfor he wes convict and put in amerciament of court, to forbeir in tyme cumming, and amend as law will, and that wes geivin for dome, and the amendis tharof continuit to be modifyit eftirwart be the counsale. [P. 180.]

From a petition presented to the council by the lordis of Bonaccord in 1539, we acquire some idea of the nature of the office at that time.

Quharfor we exhort your M[ ] that we hef the auld lowable vse, lang vsit and kepit within this guid tovne, now in our tyme, lyk as it hes bene in our predecessoris tymes: that is to say, all the yong able men within this guid towne to conwey ws euery Sunday and halyday, and wther neidfull tymes, aboulzeit as your M[ ] hes deuisit, and agit men to meit ws at the crabstane or kirkyard; and thai that compeiris nocht, that we may poynd thame conforme to the auld vse, or ellis mony of thame will nocht obey, &c. [P. 160.]

In 1508 their title was changed into Robert Huyd and Litile Johne.[1]

The attendants of these lords of the greenwood were to have "thair arrayment made in grene and yallow, bowis, arrowis, brass, and all uther convenient thingis according thairto, to pass with Robyne Huyd and Litile Johne, all tymes convenent tharto, quhen thai be requirit."

They seem to have outlived the taste for such exhibitions; for, in 1552, we are told that "the lordis of Bonnacord, in tymes bygane, hase maid our mony grit sumpteous and superfleous banketing, induring the tyme of thair regnn, and speciallie in May, quhilkis wes thocht nothir profitabill nor godlie, and did hurt to

1 [P. 440.]

sundry young men that were elekit in the said office, becaus the last elekit did aiye pretent to surmount thair predecessouris in thair ryteous and sumpteous banketings, and the cause, principal, and good institutioun thairof, quhilk wes in halding of the gud toun in glaidnes and blythtnes, with dances, farsiis, playis, and gamis, in tymes convenient, neglectit and abusit. It was therefore ordained that there should only be three honest and sober bankets, upon the Senze day, the first Sunday of May, and on Tuesday after Pashe."[1]

In this year these officials got a larger allowance than usual, "and that be ressoune of cummyng of the quenis grace, my lord governor, and the maist of the lordis and grit men of this realme presently to the toun."[2]

All these games were put an end to by act of the legislature in 1555.

Some of the citizens seem to have been unwilling to drop their amusements, for in 1562, we find John Kelo, belman, accused of endeavouring to convene the community "to pass to the wood to bring in symmer upoun the first Sounday of Maii, contravinand the actis and statutis of the quenis grace and lordis of consell, eppeirandlie to raise tumult, and ingener discord betwix the craftismen and the fre burgessis of gild." The "auld vse" was brought forward as an excuse, and one of the citizens "denyit ony wrang done be him thairintill." They were, however fined, and ordained to compeir "vpoun Sonday nixt cumis, within the paroche kirk, and thair, immediatlie aftir the preaching, in presens of the congregatioun, grant thair said offens as done through ignorance, and vpoun thair kneis, ask God and the congregatioun forgifness."[3]

[1] [P. 280.] [2] [Ibid.] [3] [P. 343.]

Besides these games and plays, there were other pageants exhibited, which more closely resemble that described by Dunbar.

These consisted of processions of the craftsmen on certain festival days, with banners and pageants, and of masques supporting the character of some scriptural or classical personage or event. The earliest notice of a dramatical exhibition by the craftismen is at Candlemas in 1442.[1] In 1532, will be found an ordinance regulating the order of the craftismen in the procession.[2] On this occasion

> The craftis ar chargit to furneiss thair panzeanis vnder writin:
> The fiescharis, Sanct Bestian and his Tormentouris
> The barbouris, Sanct Lowrance and his Tormentouris
> The skynnaris, Sanct Stewin and his Tormentouris
> The cordinaris, Sanct Martyne
> The tailzeouris, the Coronatioun of Our Lady
> Litstaris, Sanct Nicholes
> Wobstaris, walcaris, and bonet makaris, Sanct John
> Baxtaris, Sanct Georg.
> Wrichtis, messonis, sclateris, and cuparis, The Resurrection
> The smithis and hemmirmen to furneiss The Bearmen of the Croce.

Of a character somewhat akin to the abbot of unreason was the boy bishop, a character well known both in England and France. The custom of electing a boy bishop, begun probably at monasteries for the amusement of the younger inmates, became common at universities and schools. The election of the boy bishop appears generally to have been on St. Nicholas day, from which "till Innocent's daie at night (it lasted no longer at the first) the *episcopus puerorum* was to bear the name and hold up the estate of a bishop answerably, habited with a crosier or pastoral staff in his hand, and a miter upon his head; and such an one too some had, as was (saith one) verie much richer than those of bishops indeed."[3]

1 [P. 9.] 2 [P. 451.]

3 [Gregorie's *Episcopus Puerorum*, or a Discoverie of an ancient custom in the Church of Sarum,

It appears from the Register, that, on St. Nicholas day, the master of the Grammar School, attended by the bishop, received certain dues from those whom they visited.

The sayd day, the haill consell, present for the tyme, all in ane voce, ordanit that the maister of thair grammar scuyll sell haf iiij s. Scottis, of the sobirest persoun that resauis him and the bischop at Sanct Nicholace day till his vage, at the leyst, and euere vder honest men to gif him at thair plasour; and gif ony honest man of ony reputatioune, oder craftismen or vder, haldis furth the bischop and giffis hym nocht entres, he sell pay iiij s. to the maister, and viij s. to the baillies onforgewin for thair wnlaw, and ordanis the officiaris to pound and distrenze for the samin; and that because it ves considerit be thaim that he hes na vder fee to leif on, lyk as his predecessouris hed afor him, and vder maisteris of vder scuiles.

And als that euery honest man, freman within the said burgh, baith merchandis and craftismen ressaue him and the bischop at Sanct Nicholace mess within thair houssis, conforme to the auld lovabill vse of the said burgh, and gif him thair wagis of the auld maner, efferand to thair estatis, as tha think expedient. And gif ony honest man, merchand or craftisman, that ma guidly gif his wagis, ressauis him nocht and the bischop at the same tyme, that he sall complane on the dissobeyaris to the bailzeis that hapnis to be in office for the tyme, and tha to caus him to haue his duyte of thame, be the avise of the consale, conforme to the auld vse of this said burgh.

Connected with these exhibitions the minstrels of the town may be mentioned regarding whom frequent entries also occur.

In 1522 it was

Statut and ordanit be the baillies and counsell, present fcr the tyme, that quhatsomever nichtbour disobeyit the command menstrallis in the gevin of them thair meit and wagis, as thar fee to thame, efter the forme of the auld lowable wss of this burch, that thai suld pay to the bailleis unlaw viii sh. unforgevin, and tua shillings to the said menstrallis for thair dais cost; and gif ther be ony puyr folkis at ar not abill till gif thame meit, that thai gif them ii d. to thair fee and costis. [P. 105.]

In 1542 they were hired for their good service "to be done be thaim, as ws wes be the menstrailis afor thaim, thair predecessouris, at ewin and morne, and vder tymes neydfull concerning the toune, for all the days of thair lyf, and sell haif thair daily vaigis and meyt of the nychtbouris of this gud towne circularlie, conforme to the auld lovabill wse and consuetud of this nobill burght obseruyt in tymmis bygane."[1]

making an anniversarie bishop among the choristers. 4to, Lond., 1649. Quoted in Dr. Jamieson's Scottish Dict. Supp. *voce* Abbot of Vnressoun.]

[1] [P. 167.]

This mode of sustaining their officials was not confined to the minstrels, for we find that Sir Alexander Gray, chaplain of St. Crispin's and Crispinian's altar, had a right to receive, as part of his fee, diet during the week from seven of the "best and wortheast" of the Cordwainers. As might have been expected, he does not appear to have been well received on all occasions; for soon after their mutual agreement had been made, he complained that his employers had failed in the performance of their engagement, and that he wanted his "fee and pairt of his dietis in the oulk," on which the craft was ordered to fulfil their engagement, and to "sustene their said cheplane honestlie."

The penance inflicted on offenders, previous to the Reformation, was attended with some curious circumstances: thus, in 1539, Margaret Porter, who was convicted for the strublens and mispersonyng of Jonat Chesame, in calling of hir "commond vyld freris hvyr that scho wes, that hes ane pek of lyis betuix the shoulderis. I sell leid the to the place for the freir swervyt the, quhar you tint the pendace of thi belt in the hie publict gett." For which

Thai ordanit that the said Margaret cum on Sunday nixt, within Sanct Nicolace hie kirk in tyme of hiemes, cled in lynning claythis, with ane torche byrnand in hir hand, of thre pound of vax, bair lyg, and thair, afor the powpytt, and the provest and gude men of this toune, reuoke and agane say the forsaid vordis, and vtheris said be her of the sayd Jonat, and confess thame verray false and vntrew, and sayd bot of malice and in ire; and to syt downe on hir kneyse as said is, and ask the said Jonat forgyffance, and request the gud men of the towne to caus the said Jonat to forgyf hir; and gif euer scho dois the maik in tyme cumyng, and beis convickit thairfor, to pay x lib., vnforgyffin, to Sanct Nicholace vark, and als to fynd cautioun for the fulfilling of the said mendis or scho duparte of the tolbuith. [P. 160.]

Again, in 1544, Symsoun Terwes and Ammorouse Tailzour were convicted for the "cuming to Sanderis Jaffray's house on Sanct Nicolace day at evin, at last was, vnder silence of nycht, at xij houris of the nycht, or thairby, and seiking of the said Alexander for his grit skaith, with ane aix and stanis, and casting of

stanis at the said Alexanderis house in grit nummer, and bluid drawin of the said Alexanderis wif in grit quantite." The verdict of the assise was

Ordanis the said Symsonis Terwes and Ammorouse Tailzours cragis to he put instantlie in the gowife, and incontinent thairefter tane out agane, and thane to cum to the kirk and pass afor the processioun, sark alane, afor the hie mess, with ane candill of ane pund of wax in thair handis, and efter the said processioun to offer the said tua candillis to Sanct Nicholace wark, and ask the said Alexander and his vif forgiffnes, and beseik the bailzies and men of guid of the tovne to solist thame to forgif thame, and alse to fynd cautioun one Sonday, or thai be takin out of the tolbuith, for the townis vnlawis. [P. 212.]

After the Reformation, the penance enjoined in place of the above proceedings was not so rigorous; the defaulter was generally required

To cum vpoun Sonday nixt cumis to Sanct Nicolace kirk, and ther, in presens of God and his holy congregatioun, ask the said Elspet forgifnes, and to revoik the injurious wordis said be him as fals and vntrew, and to sett cautioun, that gif ewer he beis fundyn in sic offens in tym cuming, to be baneist furth of this guid toune. [P. 331.]

Many contributions of salmon, hides, and money, towards the erection and fitting up of the Quire of St. Nicholas church will be found in the Records, and many fines exacted from offenders were specially appropriated to "St. Nicholace wark."

The attachment of the inhabitants to the Roman Catholic system would seem to have been warm, and some entries would indicate their jealousy of any slight being shown to their saint or to the church dedicated to him. In 1530, "Johne Andersoun was convickit in ane lacht of vi schillingis iiii d. to be doublit, becaus he was found in the vedding kirk dur, with his bonat on his heid, quhilk was hallowit place and kirk, efter the decernyng of the bailzeis and the haile courte."[1]

In 1533, the tacksmen of waters are ordered to pay at the "Natiuite of our Lord, callit Zowill, the lithis of wax, to the honour of God, our Lady, and thair patroun Sanct Nicholace, con-

[1] [P. 137.]

forme to their auld vse and consuetud."[1] Again, in 1546, "all the inhabitantis are enjoined to come at Pasche to the vicar to pay their duty, conforme to the auld louabill vse of this guid toun."[2]

There are large contributions made occasionally for the ornaments and vestments used by their chaplains, and many circumstances indicate their attachment to the existing system.

It would appear, indeed, from the king's letters in 1525, that the Reformed opinions had been insinuating themselves in some parts of the diocese, as that document narrates:

Forsamekill as it is humelie meynit and schewin to ws be ane reuerend fader in God, and our traist consalour, Gawyne bischop of Aberdene, that quhare syndry strangearis and otheris within his diocesy of Aberdene, has bukis of that heretik Luthyr, and favoris his arrorys and fals opinionys incontar oure act of Parliament laitlie maid in our last Parliament: oure will is heirfor, and we charge you straitlie, and commandis that incontinent thir our lettres seyne, ye publise the saide act at all places neydfull, and tak inquisitione gyf ony persons be fundin within the sayde diocesy of Aberdene that hes sic bukys, or fauoris sic arorys of the sayd Luthyr; and that ye confisk thair gudis and imbryng the samyn to our wse and profitt, efter the forme of the said act, as ye will ansuer tharapoun. [P. 110.]

In 1543, at the request of the governor Arran, who at that time was inclined to the reformed opinions, and had two friars to preach to his own household, the council agreed "to gif the religiouse men, Frer Iohnne Roger, and to Frer Waltir Thomsoun, his marrow, to their honest sustentacioun daylie, induring thair will, thre s., with ane honest chalmer, and that for their leill and trew lawtaful seruice, to be done in preching and teching of the trew vord of God, and thair daylie prearis for the estait of the lord governouris grace, the commont weill of this realme and of this guid toune."[3]

In 1544 we find seven of the citizens convicted for having committed some injury on the black friars; and, in the same year, the lieutenant [Earl of Huntly] required that justice might be done on two of the inhabitants, who were found guilty of "hinging of the image of St. Francis."

1 [P. 149.] 2 [P. 235.] 3 [P. 189.]

These things may indicate a change of feeling on the part of some of the inhabitants, but the general tenour of the entries would indicate that the attachment to the old system continued unabated.

The Reformation, however, notwithstanding of this apparent loyalty to the Romish Church, met with but little opposition on the part of the inhabitants generally. The first notice of it in Aberdeen occurs on 4th January, 1559, when the baillies explained that certain strangers and some of the townsmen "hes enterit to the blakfreris and quhyt freiris of this toun and spulzeit thair placis, and takin away the gere and gudis of the samen, with the tymmar wark and insicht, togidder with the leid of the kirkis, and now ar enterit apoun the ruiffis of the kirkis and biggingis, and takand away the sklayttis, tymmer, and stanis thairof, applyand the samen to thair awin particular uses." The baillies therefore requested to know whether the town thought it expedient to preserve these for "the commond weill of the toune, and specially for the furthsettin of Goddis glory, and his trew word and prechours tharof; and that the toune may be the moir habill to concur and assist for the defence of the libertie of the realme, expelling of strangeris, and suppressing of ydolatrye." The assembled townsmen, with one exception, authorized the treasurer of the burgh to intromit with the friars places and property, for the purposes above specified.[1]

In a few days, the treasurer explained, that he could not watch so closely as was requisite for the preservation of the friar's property, "quhairthrow thair wald inlayk mekill thairof without diligent attendance war takin thairto," and four persons were elected to "awayt on the doun taking and keping of the samen." These

[1] [P. 315.]

persons were also ordered to "resayf in thair keeping the chalices, silver wark, and ornaments of thair paroche kirk, quhill the toune consultit quhat were expedient to be done thairwitht."

On the 12th of January, the provost, Thomas Menzies,[1] who had been absent from the previous meetings, when these proceedings were sanctioned, protested against them,

First, in respect that the begynning of the said distructioune and dissipatioun of the saidis places wes done be certan particular personis, sum extranears and sum dwelling within the toune, quharof the haill communite wes nocht participant, bot for the maist part war innocent and fre of the said cryme; and gyff the baillies and toune wald continew and compleit the distructioune begun by wthers, and employ the residew of the saidis places in the towniss usis, the haill toun vald be reput art and part, and participant of the said crym, and stand wnder the accusatioune of the authorite thairfor, to the gryt hurt, damnage, and detriment of this burght, and the puir innocent burgessis thairof; secundlie, the sayds prechers war tollerat be permissioune of the authorite, quhar and quhow thai plesit, quhill the tent day of Januar instant, be ane contract and appunctment maid betuix the quenis grace and the principalis of the congregatioun, eftir the said tent day is dissoluit and expyrit, and that the toune aucht nocht to mak expenssis on the sustentatioun of precheors, bot the bischop aucht to mak the same, and find us sufficient precheors quha resauis his duety thairfor, and sua to employ the townis commound gude in sic waiss is contrar the commound weill of the toune, and aucht nocht to be allowit to the auditors of the townis compts; thairfor the said Thomas Menzes, prowest, for himself and his adherentis, dissentit to all distructioune and dissipatioun of the said kirks and places, and applying of the same or ony part thairof in the uses of the toune, and siclik of employing or bestowing of the townis commound gud or ony part thairof on the saids precheors; and he, as prowest, inhibit Dauid Mar, thesaurar, to deliuer ony money or mak expenssis on the said precheors of the emoluments of the toune; and protestit solemptly that he and his adherentis be nocht reput art, part, nor participant of the saidis crymes, nor incur danger, damnage, nor skayth thairfor in tym cuming; upoun the quhilks he tuk act and instrument, in presens of the haill toune. [P. 318.]

This protest was adhered to by fifteen of the inhabitants, but nothing followed on it.

On the 11th March, 1559, it was resolved to support "The Congregation," and a tax of £400 was levied to defray the expense of forty men of war, who were to be sent to its assistance.

On the 16th June following, the chaplains of St. Nicholas Church presented a supplication to the Council, making mention

That quhair thai ar suirly aduertist, and is notowrly knawin, that certane personis in to the southt partis of Scotland hes interpryssit at thair awin hands, without ony ordor or consent of the

1 [The family of Menzies of Pitfodels continued to adhere to the Roman Catholic church till the family became extinct, which happened on the death of the late John Menzies of Pitfodels, without issue, in 1843.]

authorite, to distroy kirks, religious places, and the ornaments and polacie of the same, thairfor desyrand the prouest, baillies, and counsell to provyd the esiast way of remeid, as thai sell think guid, for defending and mentening of thair said proche kirk, and preserving of the chalices, siluer wark, kaippis, and ornaments of the same, and to put the same in suir firmance and keiping quhill the said uproir and tumilt war put to tranquilite be the antient and wyse counsell of the realme. Quhilk bill being red, and the contents thairof understand and considderit, the haill counsell thocht expedient to transport the townis euidents furth of the kirk, and siclyk the grit occryst, chalices, siluer wark, and the maist coistly ornaments of the kirk, and to put the same in suir firmance and keeping, and ane invitor to be maid thairupoune, and to intromett, preserue, and keip the townis euidentis, nemit and chesit Thomas Menzeis, prouest, Dauid Mar, Maister Patrick Ruyerfurd, and Walter Cullane, quhilkis accepit the said cuir and charge upoun thame. [P. 323.]

On the 6th January, 1561, the whole "silver wark, brasin wark, kaippis, and ornaments of their paroche kirk, were roupit, and the grytest sum offerit for the same wes ane hundred fortie tua pound, be Patrik Menzes for the keippis, xxi s. for ilk unce of silver, xvi s. for ilk stane of brass, extending in the haill to the sovme of £540 money of Scotland. The silver wark and ornaments consisted of the following articles:

Heir followis the inuitor of the said siluer wark and ornamentis: Item, imprimis, the eucharyst of four pound and two unce of siluer; item, ane chalice of our lady of pity in the wowlt, nyntene unce; item, our lady chalice of the sowth yill, nyntene unce and ane quart vnce; item, Sanct Peteris chalice, fyftene vnce and ane half wnce; item, tuo pair of censuris, of tretty aucht wnce togidder witht four crowattis and ane litill schip of saxtene vnce and ane half; item, ane chalice of Sanct Johnne the Ewangelist, thretty unce and ane half vnce; item, the hospitall chalice, sewintene vnce and ane half; item, our lady chalice of brig cheppell, tuenty unce; item, Sanct Duthakis chalice, twelf wnce and ane quarter wnce; item, Sanct Nicolas chalice, thretty nyne vnce and ane half vnce; item, Sanct Clementis chalice, tene vnce and ane quart vnce; item, the Ruid chalice, saxten vnce, all of siluer; item, ane keipe, ane chesabill, witht two tynnakillis, haill fournist with reid weluet, flourit and indentit with gold; item, ane kaip of fyne claytht of gold; item, ane kaip of claytht of gold, fresit with reid veluott; item, ane kaip and chesabill witht tynnakillis, haill furnist of gold, fresit on grene veluott; item, two keipis of reid veluott, orpheist with gold. [P. 320.]

Thus quietly did the Reformed Church take the place of its predecessor, in a place, too, where it has generally been supposed that the latter was very firmly seated.

Some interesting notices are preserved of the state of anarchy into which society had sunk in the early part of the sixteenth century.

From an entry on 2d October, 1525, we find that Alexander

Setoun of Meldrum, John Leslie of Wardes, William Leslie of Balquhain, Alexander Leslie of that Ilk, and thair accomplices, to the number of 80 spears or thereby, at the solicitation of John Collisone elder, who was an inhabitant and burgess, attacked the town under silence of night, and slew and wounded a considerable number of the citizens.[1]

Some proceedings followed on this camisado, but the dispute was settled by mutual arbiters; and in 1527, we find that Leslie of Balquhain and Leslie of Wardes, in presence of the Lord Justice and componitouris, became bound, for themselves and kin, that the town should not be molested by them in time coming.[2]

The causes of this outrage have hitherto not been well understood. From some of the ordinances and statutes enacted by the community at the time, it appears quite clear that the disputes took their rise from the interference of the country barons with the elections of the provost, and other municipal officers of the burgh, under the pretence of their having tacks of part of the town's freedom-lands, and also being honorary burgesses of the town. These statutes are contained in a volume (apparently the original manuscript) now in the General Register House at Edinburgh, (where it was recently discovered,) which, as appears from another entry, was called the town's "Buk of Statutis." In this volume alone many of the statutes passed by the community in the early part of the sixteenth century are to be found, as they were not engrossed in the Council Register. On 26th May, 1525,

The haill body of the guid toune, reuoluand and considerand quhow thair honorable progenitouris hes leuit as the kingis frie burgesses thir mony yeiris bygane, past memorie of man, quhen thai haf bene diuers and mony tymes inuadit boytht be lordis and gentilmen in the contreth, belewand to haf the superiorete of thame be way of electioune of thair prowest, intending thairby to haif subdeuit the haill communite to thame and to thair houses, for quhair the heid is ontrune the memberis may nocht guidley resist; and quhen honourablie to thir our dait our said progeni-

1 [P. 111.] 2 [P. 115.]

touris hes defendit this guid toune at liberalitie, frie of thraldome and of all thirleth, and now it is belewit and dreid that certane of the nichtbouris intendis at this tyme intysing of the provest to inbring gentilmen to landwart, quhilk hes bene our guid freindis, be senister informatioune, to stop the nichbouris of the toune of thair electioune, quhilk thai and thair forbiaris hes haid past memorie of man, as said is, becaus now thair the assedatioune to set, thinking thairby to subdew this communitie to thame.[1]

Therefore it was provided that any person bringing in any "outlandis" man to stop the community in the free election of their provost, should lose his freedom of the burgh, and be unable to injoy any office of honour among the burgesses thereafter, "Sua that we may leif all the kingis frie burgesses, ready to do him seruice at his grace command, and able to him sted and pleasour, as notable is knawin to every man of guid in the contretht."

And gif thair be any gentilman to landuart that ar burgesses of this guid toune, nor hes menit nocht within the sam, nor yet scottis, lottis, walkis, nor wardis within this guid toune, bot in tyme of cheising of thair provest thai sal haif no woit amangis thame, nor sal cum nocht within the tolbuith to stop our frie electioun, and gif thay do that, thai sal haif no place, and thair wottis sall stand na sted; and inlikwayis thai ordanit that the provest and ballies of this instant yeiris keep and defend thair tolbuith to the chesing of thair new provest, sua that na man cum thairin except induelleris of the said burght, nor haif wot nor entres amangis thame, in tyme cuming of thair said electioune.

On the last day of September, the above statute was ratified and approved by the whole town, "na maner of persone, small nor gryt, in na degree opponand nor sayand in the contrar, except Iohne Collisone elder, and certan of his complices, to the number of [ ] quhilkis opponit and said that gentill men of landuart, sic as the lairdis of Drum, Wardes, Balquhyne, and Meldrum, suld have thair wottis."[2]

John Collison, having been thus thwarted in his projects, appears to have then concerted the disloyal attack on the burgh before noticed, thinking that, as he could not obtain the influence of those

1 [Buk of Statutis.]

2 [The following note occurs in the Book of Statutes in a different hand: "It is to remembes this John Colesoun had the lard of Drums brother to his son in law, and Balquhaine and Warder to his wyffes sonnes, and Meldrum to his wyffis bruder. Ane ambesowus proud man was this John Colesoun."]

lairds, whose votes he wished to be received in the election of the provost, in a peaceable way, he might attain his end by rougher methods. The armed attack of the barons took place immediately after the day for the annual election of the provost and magistrates.

There had been for some time a feud between the town and the gentlemen of the name of Forbes in the county; and on 10th July, 1521, we find statutes passed, in which it is said that the provost "exponit the grit damnag, skayth, crwell spoulze, and havy oppressioun, doune to him, to dyverse vtheris nychtbouris of the said burgh, and to the lands subdewit to thair commvnity, sic as destructioun of thair cornys, bayth one field, out of stakis, and barnis, breking and doune casting of thair cruiffis on the water of Dovne, spoulze of thair movabill guidis, and hereing of thair purtenentis be Johne Lord Forbes, and his complessis, with conuocatioun of the kingis legis, command in the said burght vnder trast, with ane noble and mychty lord, Alexander Erll of Huntlie, regent and luftennand to our souerane lord, of the northt of Scotland, the aucht day of Julii instant"[1] It was therefore ordained that every inhabitant should have ready his jak, splent, knapschaw, with axe, sword, spear, halbert, and other fencible weapons; also, that no strangers should be admitted into the burgh without a rigid scrutiny. On the 12th of that month, the council resolved to complain to the king and ask redress of the

Gret oppressioun and cruell spoulze dovne to the said burght, fischingis and fredomis of the samyn, be Johne Lord Forbes and his complices, and to impetrat our souerane lordis lettres in the stratest forme, and vnder the heast and greatest paine that thar can be gottin . . . for lawbourris to be had of the saids Lordis Forbis, his kin and frendis, that the said burght, induellaris of the samyn, thar landis and gudis, salbe harmles and skathles of him and thame, and all that thai may latt, swa that the said nychtbouris may leif vnder the kingis pace, as merchandis and craftismen, to serue his grace within the realme, and to be exemptit fra ane nobill and michti lord Alexander Erll of Huntlie, regent and luftenand of the north, for causes, &c., and to that effect has ordanit ane mandet to be maid on the straitest forme, and has ordanit the statutis maid be thame the said

1 [Buk of Statutis.]

day, quhilk ar contenit in thair buk of statutis, to be ingrossit in perchment, and baith the said procuratory and statutis to be sellit with thair commond seill, quhilk thai haue chargit the keiparis of the samen do, as thai will answer to tham thare apone.[1]

For the protection of the provost, the council

Apprevit the furth taking of thar artellery and powder be Gilbert Menzes his frendis and seruandis out of the cheppell of the hill, for the defens of his hous and gudis, and in defence of the said toune and thar fredomis in all tyme to cum.[2]

In 1522, James Forbes of Auchintoul, one of the clan, took and imprisoned a burgess of the town under silence of night, "he beand in the kingis seruice," for which violence complaints were made to the governor and lords of the realm.[3]

Lord Forbes, the head of the house, had been in the way of receiving from the town an yearly propyn of a tun of wyne, for his aid in protecting the salmon fishings on the Dee and Don. This, however, had been refused by the town, and, as it appears, for a very sufficient reason.

The said day, the haile tovne present for the tyme, all in ane voce disassentit that thar be ony pensioun in tyme cummand gevin to the Lord Forbess, or till ony vtheris for the keping of thair vatteris, becauss thai ar informit that thai that suld be keparis of the saym, are principale destroyars and feschars of thame in vndew tyme; protestand solemptlie, that gif ony sic pensioun be takin in tyme cuming, that it be haldin as reif and blak mail, and for remeide of law, quhen tyme and place may be fundin oportune. [P. 136.]

The answer of the town to a demand of his lordship's for this yearly pension is exceedingly graphic.

My lord, we commend us to your lordschip with al hartlie seruice quhom pleis wit, we haue seen ane writin send be your lordschip to our prouest, to be schawin to vs, with certan creddence, be your lordschip seruand, Robert Lumisdaill, quhilk writins and credence we haue considerit and avisit with. And to the first, quhar your lordschip desirs pamint of ane tun of wyne, sua that it is we promest your lordschipe the said tovne of wyne for wyther causs than your lordschipe credence baris. Pleis your lordschipe, gif ws your band, wud your seill and subscriptioun, to caus the blak fische be keipit in vndew tyme, and to puneis the slaaris tharof be justice, be our souerane lordis auctorite, quhilk your lordschipe hes and sal haue agane, gif neid beis; and, as was promest, yhur lordschipe sall haue our band, quhilk is liand in our clerkis handis, to the tyme your lordschipis band cum to this effect, as was commond. That beand done, your lordschipe sal haue our said band and thankful pament yerlie, sa lang as your lordschipe keipis ws your band to that effect. My lord, quhar your lordschipe desiris

[1] [Buk of Statutis.] [2] [Council Register, vol. x., p. 335.] [3] [Ibid, p. 102.]

this wyne for ane tytil ye haue to ane half nettis fisching of Done; my lord, in guid faith, we kene nocht that euer your lordschipe had ony titill or rycht thairto, and as for ws we ar oure small mene to hald ony thing fra your lordschipe ye haue rycht to; and for ws we will neuer gif your lordschipe ony thing for ony tytil or rycht your lordschipe hes to ony watter amangis ws. And quhar your lordschipe desiris ws to be kind to your lordschipe, as ye haue bene to ws in times bygane, my lord, we thank your lordschipe of kyndnesse bigane, and prayis your lordschipe to perseuere in tym cuming, for we sal euer desserue the samyn at your lordschipe, be Goddis grace, quhom haue your lordschipe in keiping, at your maist nobill hartis desire. Of Aberden, the xx day of May, [1530].

A few months after this, viz., in July, 1530, Alexander Forbes of Brux and his accomplices attacked the town. The citizens took arms and repelled the invaders, driving them to the Greyfriars place, where they were besieged for twenty-four hours. A servant of the laird of Brux and some of the citizens were killed, and a good many on both sides were wounded. The magistrates complained to the king for this outrage, and the Forbeses prompted a trial of the provost and several of the principal citizens before the Justiciary Court, as the alleged transgressors. From this charge, however, they were acquitted; and letters from the king were directed to the Sheriff of Aberdeen, requiring him to exact caution from most of the name of Forbes, that the town should be "skaithless at their hand in time cuming."[1]

In consequence of these "cruell slauchters, murthers, and oppressionis done to thame and to thair nichtbours be gentlemen of the cuntre" the former statutes, requiring the citizens to have their armour ready, and to provide for watching the town, were renewed. The ordinance on this latter head is as follows:

And, attour, it is statut and ordanit that thair be feit four personis: that is to say, tua to the stipill of the tolbuitht, and tua to Santt Nicholace stepill, and thar to remayne eurilk day, sa lang as day licht lastis; and thair to spy quhat maner of [persons] on fut or on hors, to quhat nomer or quhat get thai cum to the toun. And the watch that beis in Santt Nicholass stepill to haue ane waif or tua within the samyn; and quhen he seis ony man cummand to the toun ridand, gif their be bot ane, gif bot a knell with the bell, and gif thair beis tua, tua knellis; and gif thair beis mair, ay as he can nomer them, sa mony men as he jugis, to gif sa mony knellis. And gif thai be sa mony that he cannot guydlie tell thaim, than to knell ay continuall; and quhowsone the watch

1 [P. 137.]

in the tolbuitht heiris him knelland continuall and fast, than he sall jow the comond bell, ay and quhill the toune be in thair geir and harness. And the watch that beis in Sanct Nicholace stepill, to pyt on the waiffs that he hes, to the part of the toun he seis thame cumand to, sua that it may be knaw quhat port and art of the toun thai cum to.

As to arms, "every craftismen was to haif his wapin; that is to say, dense aix or halbert besyd him in his wirkin house, and quhan he passis to the gait, to turss the samin in his hand, or ellis sum fensabill wapin on his persoun, swa that thai be abill at all tymes to debate thame selff and thair nichtbouris, and this guid toun."[1]

A request made about this time by the king, on behalf of Patrick Forbes, for a lease of the lands of Ardlair, which had been mortified by Bishop Gavin Dunbar for upholding the bridge of Dee, and of which the magistrates were the managers, presents a curious picture of the unhappy state of the country, under the system of misgovernment which prevailed. The answer of the town to the king's request, which was refused, was undoubtedly dictated by the great evils which had arisen to the burgh from granting tacks to the country barons, and thus giving them a pretext for interfering with the internal polity of the burgh. It bore,

That the landis of Ardler war gewin for the ouphald and mantenyng of the said brig, quhilk is the commoun weill of the haill countre; and thai landis ar circuit betuixt the landis of the Forbessis and the Lesleyis, quhilkis of auld hes bene in greyt innimite,[2] and thai bayth desiris to hef entres of the saidis landis. And schir, gif ather of thaim gettis entes thairto, thai sell in schort tyme thaireftir appropir the samyn to tham and thairis, and suld be accasioun of renewyng of the auld displesur done amangis thame, and we callit the occasioneris thairof. Quharfor, schir, your graces haill toune of Aberdene, beyng conuenit in the tolbuith of the samyn, and circularly inquirit, all in ane voce, dissentit that thai landis suld be sett to other Forbes or Lesly, or to ony vther gentillman, for the causis forsaid; but allanerlie, to husband men, laboraris of the ground, that wald gif maist thairfor, to the vttermost profyt of that commoun

[1] [Buk of Statutis.]

[2] ["And in the north partis also—thair was in the shyre of Aberdene gryt and scherp weris betuix the two sirnames of the Lesleis and the Forbesses and thair frindes and assistariis, and sindry scharp skarmisheis with great slauchter boith of barones gentlemen and commones quhilk continewit mony yeires almaist during the kingis les aige quhill at last thay wer aggreit be the labouris of the principalle noble men of the realme and lordes of the counsall." The History of Scotland, from the death of King James I. in the year M.CCCC.XXXVI. to the year M.D.LXI. By John Lesley, Bishop of Ross. Edin. 1830.]

wark; and instantly thai chesit certane commissaris to sett the saidis landis, quhilkis hes sett the samyn to husband men, laboraris of the ground, for fywe yeiris; and this wes done afor your nobill graces vryting com till ws ane lang tyme. Schir, our haill beleif is, ye will hef mair respect and desire to the mantenyng of the commoun weill of sic ane commoun werk, then to ony ane of ws particularly. Forthir, schir, our self and all that we heff are reddy to fulfill quhat it sell playse your nobill grace to charge, as knawis God, quhome be keipar of your grace, at your maist nobill hartes desir. At Abirdene, the sewint day of Februar. Sic subscribitur, ve your graces puir and humill seruandis prowest, balzes, and consale of your burgh of Abirdene. [P. 152.]

Again in 1558 the Earl of Huntly made a similar request for a tack of these landis in favour of William Leslie, son and apparent heir of John Leslie of Balquhaine, in regard to which

The haill communite of the said brught being particularlie, euery man be himself, votit and inquyrit thairupoun, be the ordour of the suit rol, all maneir of persone refusit allanerlie to gif the said William Leslie ony tytill, tak, tolleranss, or intres to the saidis landis; bot the same to be sett in tak to tennents, *lauborars of the ground, haldan and followand the pleucht with thair awin hands, to be haldyn immediatelie of* the toune, for payment of sic mayll and dwety as the toune as thai sell condiscend and appunct thairupoune; and na lord, laird, nor burgess to haf ony tak or intres thairto, bot onlie the laborars of the ground with thair awyne hands, as said is, conforme to the act and ordinance mayd be the haill toune thairupoune obefoir, quhilk thai var suorn and oblist to obserff, as the said act purports, of the dayt the sevint day of October, the yeir of God jm_vc xlvij yeirs. [P. 307.]

Some statutes on the subject of swyne and middings do not impress us with an exalted idea of the cleanliness of the town in former days.

That na swyne be hauldin within this burgh, vteuche band in somer seasoun for destroying of the cornis, fra the tyme the cornis be sawin quhill it be schorne and led. Alse, that all swyne croiffis maid apone the forgait, under stairis, and wther plaicis, be destroyit, and cassin doune; and that nane presuppene to mak ony sic croiffis in deformite of the King's gait in tyme to cum under the pane of viii s unforgevin; and that na swyn be hauldin *in fyre housses* on the nicht for danger of fyre, under the samen pane.

Item, that all the swyne within this tovnn be removid and devidit of the tovnne, or ellis haldin and kepit fast in houssis, within xlviij houris efter, vnder the pane of eschaeting of thame that beis fundin gangand one the gait thairefter, to be disponit to the folkis in the Linkis, as the bailzeis and counsale sall think expedient.

Elikwiss, it is deuisit and ordanit that thair be oppin proclamatioun maid, &c., that all myddingis now lying on the hiegait throw all the townn, that thai be removit and put away within viii dayis heirefter: certefeing all and sindrie the inhabitantis and tennentis of the landis, quhom befoir the said myddingis lyis, that, an thai dycht [nocht] cleng, and mak the kingis gait woyd of the samyne, thai sall be cassin in at thair yettis and durris, and thai to fall in danger of ane vnlaw of viii s. vnforgevin, but ony fauoris.[1]

It is not perhaps to be wondered at, that there should be so

[1] [Buk of Statutis.]

many entries on the subject of remedies for the pest and other diseases, which must have found everything prepared for their ravages.

Item, that diligent inquisitioun be takin of ale infect personis with this strange seiknes of Nappillis, for the sawetie of the toun ; and the personis beand infectit therwith be chargit to keip thame in ther howssis and vther places, fra the haill folkis.

The said day, it was statut and ordanit be the alderman and consale for the eschevin of the infirmitey cumm out of Franche and strang partis, that all licht weman be chargit and ordanit to decist fra thar vicis and syne of venerie, and al thair buthis and houssis skalit, and thai to pas and wirk for thar sustentacioun, vnder the payne of ane key of het yrne one thar chekis, and banysene of the toune.

Item, that nayne infeckit folkis with the seiknes of Napillis be haldin at the common fleschouss, or with the fleschouris, baxteris, brousteris, ladinaris, for sauete of the toun, and the personis infectit sale keip thame quyat in thar housis, zhardis, or vther comat placis, quhill thai be haill for the infectioun of the nichtbouris.[1]

The first notice of a doctor is in 1503, when the Town agreed to give him a yearly pension of ten merkis, on his agreing to make personal residence within the burgh "and cum and vesy tham that beis seik, and schow tham his medicin, on thar expensis."[2]

The following ordinances are illustrative of some ancient customs:

A statute made on the 26 May, 1525, by the command and council of ane right woirschipfull clark, Mr. John Dingwall, protinnoter apostolick, arsdiacone of Cathenes, persoun of Strathbrock, chancellor of Aberdene, and wiccar of the samen.

The said day, it was statut and ordanit be the provest, ballies, and consell of this guid tounne, all in ane woce, with consent and assent of all the singers of the queir, quhilkis ar the tounis feallis, that is to say, Sir Andro Cowper, Sir William Cowper, Sir Thomas Bevyng, Sir Johne Cuming, thar organster, Sir Dauid Loremar, chaplanis; William Strathauchin and Gilbert Robertson, clarkis, for continuall wphalding, mentenance, and keiping of guid service within the said queir, to the laud and gloir of God, the blissit evangel, and thair patroun, and all sanctis, that all the singaris forsaid sall wphald and keip continuallie all dewyne seruice usit and wont, within the said kirk, and in speciall, dayle mess, mating, and ewing sang, boyth feriall dayis and festiuall dayis, except that the said Sir Johne Cuming, for teaching of the said scuill, and the said Gilbert Robertson for his study, ar apportionat, on feriall dayis, quhane thair is na [ ] proper scoleis, allanerlie to depart fra mass at the laudis, and fra the chaplane at the ewing song, for the cause befoir expremit, and quha that beis fund absent sal pay for ilk falt, on the feriall days ii d., on the haly day four pennies, and in ilk principall fest viii d. vnforgiven, quhilkis faltis salbe present to the maister of the kirk wark, collectit and wptakin be him euery quarter, and disponit be the saidis

[1] [Buk of Statutis.] [2] [P. 341.]

wicar and consellis awyse to the keperis of the said seruice or to what vther meritor wark thay think speidfull, and quhe that cumis to the queir, and will nocht sing, or that beis notit haldan tauk in the samen, salbe report as absent. Item, the toune consentis that Sir Johne Cuming be pardonit fra matingis one feriall dayis, quhane he is teiching the sang scuil, and quhane he is nocht teiching the said skuole, then his faultis be wrettin with vtheris, and that his conscience be examinat ther [anent] euerilk sanct day.

Item, it is statut and ordanit, and for act perpetuall ratefeit and apprewit be the prowest, baillies, and consal of this guid toune, all in ane voce, that fra thyn furth quhene thair hapins ane man of guid that hes borne office within the towne to deceiss, or of the consall of the toune deceiss, the segister that beis for the tyme sall ring all that nicht and till his dirige, and salbe mess, and sall haif thairfor vi s. viii d.: and gif thair deis ony substantious freman within this burght fra thyne furtht, that the said segistar sall ring his mening but thryse, and at his dirage salbe mess, and sall haif thairfoir fywe s.; and quhen thair decessis ane craftisman within this burght, the segster to ring bot to his sawill mess, and to haif thairfoir iiii s.; and that thai haif for thair grawis iiii s.; and that he haif for grawis making, boyth in kirk and kirk yaird, bot use and wont.

The saide day, the alderman, balyeis, and diuerss vtheris of the consale present for the tyme, grantit to Mabuys belman xx s. to by him ane pee for to pass ilka Mononday throucht the toune, in the morning, to name and pray for the saulis gevin him in bile, as vyss and wont is, and has bene tymes bigen. [P. 427.]

There are many incidental notices of political personages and events scattered throughout the volume. Among others are those relative to the government on the minority of James II.—to the Earl of Mar, brother of James III.—the death of James III.—and Perkin Warbeck.

The lists of furniture, clothing, weapons, dress, culinary instruments, and articles of merchandise, with their value in money at different periods, which are to found throughout the volume, contain much valuable information for a comparison of the state of the country at different eras. The numerous assizes of all kinds of grain, ale, wine, and provisions, are valuable for a similar reason.

On the whole, it is hoped that the selections now printed will be regarded as no inconsiderable addition to already existing materials for a history, not merely of the locality to which they more immediately relate, but of the people of Scotland.

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18*th November*, 1398.

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Matheus Pynches posuit se in voluntate balliuorum quod non fecit ad officium forestarii quam facere debet.

Willelmus Spaldyng posuit se in voluntate balliuorum quod non arrestauit omnes dolantes siluam quos potuit arrestasse et est ad assisam quod ipse non dolauit virides arbores nec licenciauit aliquos ad dolandum.

4*th February*, 1399.

Mauricius Suerdslep calumpnatus de percussione magistri Willelmi Moden et etiam de rebellione et inobediencia facta balliuis posuit se in voluntate balliuorum de dicta calumpnia.

Item, memorandum est quod fregit carcerem regis contra inhibitionem et defensionem balliuorum testibus ad hoc vocatis per balliuis viz. Simone Lamb Johanne Ledale Johanne Andree Nicholao Ledale Simone Banerman cum multis aliis.

15*th November*, 1399.

Assedacio Matheo Pynches et Willelmo Spaldyng pro termino vnius anni sed ante exitum anni dicta assedacio fuit annullata Et post adnullacionem Johannes Lucris et Donaldus Ka tunc serjandi fuerunt limitati custodes dicte foreste pro residuo.

12th Nov., 1400.

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Foresta committatur custodie seriandorum istius anni.

30*th October*, 1410.

Forestarii conuicti per assisam quid non faciunt ad custodiam silue quod facere tenentur.

Johannes Willelmi conuictus per assisam quia dolat et destruit siluam iniuste in magna quantitate.

1411.

W. Fichet et vxor sua communes pikares ·

Vxor Johannis Walteri carnificio est communis pikar et receptor ·

Johannes Inchouen est communis fur ·

Meg Rolly de Foty est pikar et rebellis ·

Thomas Pykar est puggestor famulorum burgensium ad furandum vasa sua stangnea ·

Filius Elene Couper qui solebat custodire viculos est communis fur ·

Johannes Couper Andreas filius suus filia Jonete leueryke sunt communes fures

Elena Couper Anny Couper sunt communes fures et receptores [Anny] est pessima

Anny Lynton est pessimissima

Christina Man est communis receptor meretricium et furium

Filii vxoris Duncani Futheis sunt pykares communes et nollmagi et lusores

Anny Rauff

Jamy Hardbak

Dam Margaret Walchope

Elena Cumnok communis pykar et rebellis

Marion Grame

Puella Marens cum Thoma Thekar

Aly Inchera.

10*th October*, 1418.

Pro libertate et facultate presentandi Magistrum Scolarum.

Vniuersis Christi fidelibus ad quorum noticiam presentes litere per-

uenerint Duncanus petit cancellarius ecclesie Aberdonensis salutem in omnium saluatore Quia ad dignitatem cancellarie predicte collacio beneficii Magistri Scolarum burgi de Abirdene pleno jure noscitur pertinere et idem nunc de facto vacat per mortem Andree de Syves quondam vicarii de Bervy vltimi magistri scolarum predictarum honesto viro prouido et discreto magistro Johanni Homyll michi per prepositum et communitatem dicti burgi in pretorio suo presentato ad beneficium antedictum et examinato de sua sufficiencia diligenter repertoque eciam bone vite laudabilis conuersationis et honeste magne literature et sciencie propter quam scienciam non immerito in artibus graduatur suis meritis exigentibus per donacionem birreti[1] mei contuli beneficium antedictum ipsum in coporalem et realem possessionem eiusdem inuestiendo sibi pro toto tempore vite sue remansuro Supplicans omnibus et singulis quorum interest vel interesse poterit ac autoritate michi in hac parte commissa percipiens atque mandans quatenus predicto magistro Johanni in omnibus et singulis dictum beneficium suum concernentibus pareant obediant et intendant sub omni pena que competit in hac parte Datum sub sigillo meo apud Aberdon decimo die mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo decimo octauo. 10th October, 1418.

4th October, 1434.

Item, eodem die frater Johannes minister domus beate Trinitatis infra burgum de Aberdene protestatus fuit pro vno annuo redditu triginta denariorum debito sibi de vna terra jacente in vico de ly Grene inter terram Willelmi de Coutis senioris ex parte australi et vnam terram vastam ex parte boreali ad quam accedens nichil reperit distringibile preter terram et lapides quos presentauit in curia coram balliuis tanquam tertio die processus Testibus dicto Willelmo de Coutis Johanne Cameron burgense huius burgi et Malcolmo dicto dakir seriando burgi.

Item, predictus frater Johannes minister domus predicte protestatus fuit pro vno annuo redditu quinque solidorum sibi debito de vna terra jacente in vico nauium dicti burgi inter terram Roberti Gillespy senioris ex parte orientali et terram Willelmi Huntar ex parte occidentali

[1] [" Birretum. A covering for the head." A large Dictionary by Thomas Holyoke, D.D. London, 1677, *voce* Birretum.]

4th October, 1434. ad quam accedens nichil reperit distringibile pro dicto annuo redditu preter terram et lapides quos presentauit in curia coram balliuis tanquam tertio die sui processus Testibus Willelmo de Coutis seniore et Johanne Cameron ac supradicto Macolmo bedello burgi.

5th October, 1439.

Item, eodem die dominus Alexander Yong capellanus et procurator domus sancte Trinitatis eiusdem burgi protestatus fuit pro vno annuo redditu trium solidorum predicte domui debito annuatim de sex rodis terre vaste jacentibus in vico de la Grene inter ly Denburn ex parte occidentali et terram quondam Patricii Sharp ex parte orientali ad quam accedens nichil reperit distringibile ut asseruit peter terram et lapides quos presentauit in curia tanquam primo die huius processus Testibus Willelmo de Ithane Galbrath et Macolmo Dacre bidello burgi cum aliis.

Item, eodem die predictus dominus Alexander procuratorio nomine quo supra protestatus fuit pro vno annuo redditu trium solidorum predicte domui debito annuatim de vna terra vasta jacente in vico de la Grene inter quandam terram spectantem ad conuentum fratrum Carmelitarum burgi predicti ex parte orientali et terram Andree Sprunt ex parte occidentali tanquam primo die huius processus Testibus eisdem proximo predictis.

3d October, 1440.

Quo die dominus Alexander de Irwyne dominus de Drum miles continuatus fuit in officio capitanei et gubernatoris burgi et Johannes de Fife electus fuit in officium prepositi Walterus de Drumbrek Alexander de Kyntor Johannes de Culane et Patricius de Badenach in officium balliuorum ac Willelmus Atkinson Dalmahoy Willelmus de Straloch et Andreas Dauidson electi fuerunt in officium bidellorum siue seriendorum dicti burgi.

12th September, 1441.

Memorandum, that the xii day of September the yer forsaid, it was decretit and ordanit be the comcoune counsaile and diuerse of the merchandes of this burgh that Matheu Fochet, alderman, and Richard of Rutherfuird, sal pass for the lousyng and recouerayng of the schippes merchandes and gudes, the quhilkis arr now of new tane of Inglismen. And because that

thai haue considerit that this a commoune actioun, thai haue ordanit the coste of the said passage to be made of the commoune purse of this toun. 12th Sept., 1441.

It is sene speidfull to the counsaile, that fra hynefurth thair be ordanit and chosin twa men of gude cunnyng and knawlage, masteres of the commoune werk of the toune, the quhilkis sall raise all the rentaile of the toune, except the rentaile that the balzes sal haue to free anerly the pensiones of the toune. And thai sal dispone that guide upon the commoune werk of this toune, at the devise and as it sall be sene speidfull be the alderman and the commoune counsaile, swa that the alderman that beis for the tyme sall entermet with na commoune gude bot anerly it that cummys of his office, of the quhilk he sall mak lele and trew acompt to the commounes. And quhasaeuer that happynnis to be put furth at lites to be chosin alderman, or he passe furth, he sall swere to keep this statute and alsua to keip and gerr be kepit at all his gudely powar the settyng of the watteres made now laste.

25th January, 1442.

It is decretit be the commoune consale, that for the supprise that Master John of Caydow did in the outtakyn of Adam of Hillis net, sal cum vith his bruthir befor the consaile, and set downe on his kneis, and his bruthir togydder, and ask the alderman in the nam of the commounes forgiffines. And the said Master Jhon sal pay to kyrk werk xl s. vnforgiffin, the quhilkis the alderman sal ressaue and delyuer to the maisteris of the kyrk werk; and he sal enter the personis at war with hym at the outtakyn of the net to the alderman, this ilke day.

And it is ordanit be the haile consaile, in presence of the Lorde of Drum, that giff ony man dois sik like case in tyme to cum, that he sal pay sik like payne vnforgiffin, and tyne his tak to.

It is ordanit be the consall, as anent the contribucion made to our kingis dochter Elizabeth, in Brettan, that John of Fiff sall mak with the kingis consall appoyntment, and fwll end forqwy John of Scrogis the fadder payit xl lib., and to John of Fyff, x lib., and to Master Watt Ydyll, xiij lib. And the alderman, John of Mar, deliuerit thir last twa sowmis abowyn writtyn, and sall deliuer to John of Fyff yet viij lib. And gif the said

25th January, 1442. John of Fyff may mak the town qwyt with this sowm, well be that; and gif he may nocht be na way be don, than sall the said John of Fiff lay down the tother viij lib. for the town, and mak fwll the sowm of iiij^{xx} of lib.

18*th February*, 1442.

The xviij day of Februar, the yer of grace xlii, anence the remanand of the contribucion to my [ladie] Elizabeth of Britane, the haile counsaile hes ordanit that it be raisit, and thar sal be chosin four discrete persounes to falk the tax of men that has tholit skath oft, as thai think speidful. And than the counsaile chesit Simon Blabre, John Gray, Patrik Badenach.

5*th September*, 1442.

Item, that al the communytie, alsweile vnfree as free men, be sworne to rise with the alderman and balzeis in the defence of the toune, and of the nychbores of the toune; and quhasa will noght riese and absentis him willfully, he sal tyne his fredome, and be bannysit out of the toune.

It is sene speidful to the commoune counsaile and the gylde, for the kepyng and the governance of this burgh, that the yattes at arr vp be stekit ilke nyght, and in continent the remanand of yattes and othiris opin places of the toune be stekit and closit, and at the alderman do this with the eraste pennyes that may be gottyn of the comoune rentaile.

Item, that this burgh sal be wachit ilke nyght with thretty men at the breste, als lang tyme as the cuntreth is in trubble; and ony man that beis warnyt be the officiares of the toune to the waiche, and he compeir noght at the our, he sal tyne on forgiffin viij s., to be raisit to the commoune werk of this toune. And ony waicheman that slepis in the nyght, or removis fra the waiche quhile the son rise, sal pay vi d. to the seriandes. And at the waichman be sufficiently boddin with harnis and wappynnys. And at na cuntreth men be ressavit to the waiche.

Item, it is ordanit be commoune counsaile, that na man of this toune quhateuer he be herbery ony man of without the toune; but in continent he sall cum to the alderman, and lat him wit of how mony persounes, and quhat persounes thai arr, vnder the payne of law and bannysing. And

gine thai happyn to doo any scath, thair herbryoures sal be callit and haldyn arte and parte. 5th September, 1442.

Item, al man that has back yettes close thaim, swa that thair cum na skath throw thaim to the toune, vnder the payne of acht schillinges, and at thai lok thair foryettes within viij days vnder the sammyn payne.

Item, that al the comunytee asweile vnfree as free men be sworne to rise with the alderman and balzeis in the defence of the toune and of the nychbores of the toune, and quhasa will noght rise and absentis him willfully, he sall tyne his fredome and be bannysit oute of the toun.

Item, that the balzeis keipe the assise of breide, ale, and flesche, and at thair be nane ale sald derrar than vi d., and at nane brew that bot brethir of the gild, and othiris sell for iiij d., iij d., and ij d., and the penny lafe wey xxiiij vnce of bakin brede at the leste. And forthirmar to make a pais as the cause requiris, and at the baxtares baake na faiges, and at thai see to prisyng of flesche, and at the price be kepit, vnder payne of law.

Thir craftes vndirwritten sal fynd yerly in the offerand of our Lady at Candilmes thir personnes vnderwrittin; that is to say,

The littistares sal fynd,

The empriour and twa doctoures, and alsmony honeste squiares as thai may.

The smythes and hammermen sal fynd,

The three kingis of Culane, and alsmony honeste squiares as thai may.

The talzoures sal fynd,

Our lady Sancte Bride, Sancte Helone, Joseph, and alsmony squiares as thai may.

The skynnares sal fynd,

Two bischopes, four angeles, and alsmony honeste squiares as thai may.

The webstares and walkares sal fynd,

Symon and his disciples, and alsmony honeste squiares, &c.

The cordinares sal fynd,

The messyngear and Moyses, and alsmony honeste squiares, &c.

The fleschowares sal fynd,

Twa or four wodmen, and alsmony honest squiares, &c.

5th September, 1442.

The brethir of the gilde sall fynd,
The knyghtes in harnace, and squiares honestely araiit, &c.
The baxsteiris sal fynd,
The menstralis, and alsmony honest squyares as thai may.

4th September, 1443.

Quarto die mensis Septembris per commune consilium concessa domino Willelmo Ettale capellano et procuratori pontis de Pulgoveny ad reparacionem eiusdem libertas gilde huius burgi cuicunque honeste et sufficienti persone per eundem dominum Willelmum adducende libere sine solutione cuiuscunque pecunie preter illam summam quam soluet ad reparacionem dicti pontis etc.

7th February, 1444.

Item, because that Mathew Fichet said it was cum til his vnderstand that Marioune of Croudane hes complaynit to the lorde of Erole that he had al the wite, and wilfully he put hir fra her watter, the quhilkis scho had of befor; quharfor he askit a declaracion of the counsaile, quether he was cause of the forsaid mater or noght, and than he removit. And the counsaile halely decretit that he had made na sik cause, na he had na wite thairof.

Memorandum, that anens the contribucion to the kingis sister in Bretan, the consall has ordanit that the officiaris that intromyttit therwith sall gadder and mak fwll paimint for al thaim that ar distrengeabill, and all thai that ar noght distrengeabill sall present the persownes to the alderman and to the common consall, and that alowitt gif it swa be.

14th April, 1444.

Copia litere misse domino comiti de Rosse per prepositum et consilium huius burgi.

Right mighti and redoutit lord, we commaunde ws on to yhou with al our hartes, and, for alsmykil as oure souerane lord the king has writtin to yhour lordschip for the deliuerance of certane Inglisemen, the quhilke ar in yhour warde and keping, as yhe knaw, we counsaile and beseikis humeli yhour lordschip with al instance, that, for the worschipe of the king and the gude of the realme, yhe witsaufe to louse and deliuer frely the said

Inglismen, for and ye sulde nocht deliuer thame at the kingis instance and charge, it war great lak and sclaundre to the king and the realme, and lessing of yhour worship, the quhilke God auerte; for sen, loved be God, heddirtillie yhe hau al tyme obeit the king alsweil as ony lord of Scotland, and kepit ane hale part til him, for the quhilkis, God will, and yhe sal sone haue grete loving and reward; God forbid that yhe suld, for a litil monee that thir Inglismen has promissit yhou, warpiss your gude name, and the reward and thank that yhe have deservide and wonnyn of the king. Right myghti and redoutit lord, Almyghti God conserue yhou euermar, with incressing of honour and worschip. Writtin at Aberdene the xiiij dai of Aprile. 14th April, 1444.

4th June, 1444.

Item, that the fleschowaris dicht and mak clene the fleschous ilke ouke on Friday, and at thai remove away the huches that arr in to the fleschous, inder the sammyn payne.

Quarto die mensis Junii anno Domini xliiij, per commune consilium ordinatum fuit et statutum etc.

In the firste, that naman fleschehowar within the burgh or withoute sell mutoune derrar than the bouke for ij s. viij d. the best that may be gottin, and the remanent their efter be the price, vnder the payne of viij s. vnforgivin, alsoft as thai trespass.

Item, that na fleshowar of within or withoute tak oute of ony mutoune the neris or the nerecress fra the feest of Mychelmess, vnder paye of eschete of the mutoune to the balyhes, &c.

Item, that na fleschowar sell flesche na brek flesch in ony othir place bot the fleschous vnder the payne of viij s. vnforgivin, alsoft as thai be taynte and esshete.

9th October, 1444.

The samyn dai, Henrie Raife, maister of the barge that brak noght lang syne beside this havin, and his merchandes George Logane and Johne Cutbertson, comperit in the tolbuith of this burghe, befor the alderman

9th October, 1444.

and the counsaile, in presence of the Erle of Craufuird, and their the alderman in name of the toun askit and sperit at the said merchandis and maister gine thai war oght playntouse of ony nichbour or induellar of this burgh of any of thair gudes tane or haldin fra thame, profferand that give thar be ony cause of playnt it suld be weil reformyt and amendid. And the said maister and merchandis said thai wyst of na cause of playnt, bot the gude men of the toune had done right weile to thaim, of the quhilk thai thankit hartlie the gude men of the toune, requiryng thaim of gude continuacioun; giue thai may get witting of ony gude that it be restorit, and that the alderman grauntit thankfulli to doo. And upon this the alderman askit instrumentis diuerse.

It is ordanit that Williame Mathouson, for the supprise done be him to John Galt, sal begyn to morne, that is to say the xv day of the moneth of October the yher forsaid, and he sal vphald the ladymesse with uoce on Twisdai, Thurisdai, and Fridai ilke owke for a yher, and quhilk of tham twa that trespassis fyrst til othir in tyme to cum, and distrublis wther for this cause in tyme to cum, sal pay to the kirk werk x lib. vnforgiffin. Borgh for William Mathouson, John of Scrogs the son, and for John Galt, John of Scrogs the fadre.

13*th December*, 1444.

It is ordanit and statute for the commoune gude and quiete of this toune, and for stancheing of trespassours and rebellours agayne the law, that all the indwellaris and inhabitantes of this burgh sall assist to the alderman and officiaris of this burgh to manteigne the law and punyce trespassouris but fauour; and quhasa dois the contrair sall be haldin rebell agayne the toune, and that the gudemen of the toun sal write to the king vnder the commoune seell to be punyst be him, and all sic rebellours sal be excludit fra al takes, profites, office, and worschip of this toun.

Item, quhassa euer beis conuicte thrise for barganyng and tulyheing, salbe haldin for a commoun tulyhour and rebellour, and send to the king as sic trespassour, and that sal be notifiit vnder the seel of this toun.

Item, that the officiaris of the toun sal punyce trespassouris after the

commoune law and the statutis of this burgh but favour, and thai sal heir na requeste of naman for trespassouris qvhat degre that euer he be of. 13th December, 1444.

16*th December*, 1444.

Decimo sexto die mensis supradicti anno Domini xliij. Anence the fraght that James of Foulfurd, factour to the Erle of Orkynnay, askit at the merchandes of this toun of the gudes that was in his barge that brak at the Scaw. It was answerit to the semmyn James, that because it is vnkawin to the said merchandes quhether, as the case is commyn and gane, they aw to pay al the fraght or pairt or nocht; and sen the mater langis tham, thai ar loth to be jugis in thair awne cause, thai will, quhat time it be plessand to the said Lorde Erle, or at the erast general counsaile, compeir befor the commissaris of burrowis, and than at the ordinance of thaim the fraght sal be paiit, &c., alsferr as thai fynd that it is awnd.

18*th February*, 1445.

The xviij day of the month of Februar, the yher of grace xlv, Jhone of Scrogs, and Jhone Gray, twa of the ballieis of the burgh of Aberdene, and Gilbert Meignes, vnder aumerale in name of the tovne, has resauit in to saafgarde and vnder thar licence, Roger Yhong, Inglisman, and his childer, because of scortnes of his condit for the tyme that he bydis or makis residens in the havynnis of Scotlande, and this throw vertu of the trewis, bath schipe and gude.

20*th March*, 1445.

James, be the grace of God king of Scottis, to the aldermen, ballyhes, and communiteis of owre borowes of Aberdene and Inuernes, greting. For alsmykil as diuerse persounes, Inglishmen, ar arrestit and withhaldin in the north partis of our lande, agayne the natur of our trewis, be seruitours and men pertenyng to our derraste cosing the Erle of Rosse, for the lowsyng of the quhilkis Inglishmen we haue written to oure said cosing, vnder oure priuie seel, with oure seruitoure, John Scrimgeoure, berare of thir oure letteres. Oure will is, and we pray yhou effectuouslie, and alsa chargis that yhe assist forthir, and supple the said oure seruitoure in lousing of the said persounes Inglismen, as yhe loue the gvde of our trewis and furthiring of yhoure self in sic like case, and vndir sic charge as eftir may folow. And forthir owre in this mater gives credence to

20th March, 1445. oure saide servitoure in it, as he schawis you in oure name. Gevin vnder oure signet, at Striueling, the xx dai of Marche, and of oure regne the nynt yhere.

19*th April*, 1445.

It is ordanit be the counsaile, that fra hyne forthwartis the fleschouris of this burgh sal sla ilka Setterdai at evin, or the son gang too, almyskil flesche as sal serue al the ton on Sundai at the leeste, suppose that strangearis come to the ton; and thai sal sla on Monoundai the flesche that sal serue on Monoundai and Twisdai; and they sal sla on Wednysdai that sal serue on Thurisdai; and they sal sell na flesche quhill it be prisit be the sworne prisaris, the quhilke the alderman and the bailyheis sal bryng to thaim, and thai be warnit quhat time that thair flesche be redy; and that thai sell na flesche vnprisit, as is forsaid, vnder the payne of tynsal of the flesche, and viij s. vnforgiffin, and bannysing fra the craft at the third tyme. And it sal be lieveful to the alderman and balyheis for to tak, in absence of the sworne prisaris, ony vtheris gude men of the toune to prise the flesche, makand gude faith tharto. And that thai sell na flesche bot vnder the tolbuth, and at it be kepit in honeste.

30*th April*, 1445.

The last day of the moneth of Aprile, the yhere of grace a thousand four hundreth fourty and five, it was concludit, statute, and ordanit be the commoune counsaile, and mony othir of the gilde, for letting and stanching of diuerse enormyteis done in time bygane be the abbotis of this burgh, callit of bone acorde, that in time to cum thai will giue na feis to na sic abbotis.

Item, it is sene speidful to thame that for the instant yher thai will have na sic abbot; but thai will that the alderman for the tyme, and a balyhe quhom that he will tak til him, sall supple that faute.

Item, it is sene speidful to the counsaile to trete giue thai may get the fredome to be schirrefis within the toun, and to mak a coste tharapon.

4*th October*, 1445.

Item, dominus Alexander Yhong capellanus procurator fratris Dauid

ministri domus fratrum beate Trinitatis huius burgi nomine procuratorio quo supra protestatus fuit pro vno annuo redditu iii s. iiij d. eodem domui debito annuatim de quadam terra jacente in Futy inter terram Thome de Park ex parte australi et terram Alexandri ex parte boreali ad quam accedens nichil reperit distringibile preter terram et lapides quos presentauit in curia tanquam primo die huius processus Testibus Alexandro Cryne Willelmo Fichet et Patricio Piot seriando. 4th October, 1445.

2d October, 1447.

Item, eodem die accedens ad barram dominus Robertus Patterson procurator fratris Dauid ministri domus fratrum sancte Trinitatis huius burgi protestatus fuit pro quodam annuo redditu x solidorum eidem domui debito annuatim de quadam terra vasta jacente ex parte occidentali vici inferioris ecclesie inter terram Alexandri de Cumray ex parte borealy et terram Villelmo Elder ex parte australi ad quam accedens nichil reperit distringibile preter terram et lapides quos presentauit in curia tanquam primo die huius processus Testibus Villelmo Fycchat Thoma Anderson Macolmo Dachar sargyando cum aliis.

Item, idem dominus Robertus nomine quo supra protestatus fuit pro quodam annuo redditu trium solidorum et iiij^{or} d. eidem domui debito de quadam terra vasta jacente ex parte australi vici de le Greyn inter terram Andree Sprwnt ex parte orientali ex vno et ly Denburn ex parte occidentali partibus ex altera ad quam accedens nichil reperit distringibile preter terram et lapides quos presentauit in curia tanquam primo die huius processus Testibus eisdem supradictis.

6th October, 1447.

Item, the sammyn day, the said counsaile has consentit and concludit that alsweil the feit chaplaynis and the feft chaplaynis sall be rewlyt and governyt, and trespassouris correct be the sight of the alderman and counsaile forsaid, or ellis the agaynstandaris of this statute sall noght be maynetenyt be the maisteres, &c.

17th January, 1448.

Quhilk day wes chosin be the hale consale and comunitie Gilbert

17th January, 1448. Meigneis, Duncane of Clat, Jhone Yong of Scrogs, and Mathow Fichet, til ordanyt and se how ilke man of this burgh sal be bodyne anent the apperande wer to cum of Inglis men, the quhilk to do lelely and treuly the forsaid personis hes sworn the gret ath without fraud or gile.

9th June, 1448.

It is statute and ordanit that na hukistar na regretar by butter, cheese, or eges to sel agayne quhill the hour of ane efter none, vnder the payne of banysing of this toune and brynning of the cheike, and syne that thai sall sell na butter na cheese bot be weght, and the punde of butter for iij d., and the punde of cheese for j d. ob. and na derrar, and that thai sell na less na x eggis for j d. vnder payne forsaid.

15th June, 1448.

Quo die Dominus Nicholaius de Blar rector ecclesiae parochialis de Dunottir presentauit eisdem preposito et balliuis literas Regis sub signeto huiusmodi sub tenore.

James, be the grace of God king of Scottis, til the alderman and the balyheis of our burgh of Aberdene, greting. For alsmykil as we ar informyt be our lovid cosyng, Williame Lord Haya, our constable of Scotland, that thar was a sclander put to a chaplayne of his, callit Nichole of Blar, personne of Dunottir, of the slauchtir of a man and his soite at was borne at yhour corss of Aberdeine, our will is, and we straitly chargis yhou and commandis, that in all haste thir lettres sene yhe gerr inquir be a diligent inqueste of the best and the worthiast of yhour burgh, and at best knawis qwha warr the beraris and folowaris of the said soite and principal, sendyng thair names to our said constable, vnder yhour commoune seel, as yhe will stand for, and this yhe do vnder al payne and charge at efter may folow; and thir our lettres be yhou dewley execute, togidder with the inquisicion and your deliuerance gevis to the berar. Gevin vnder our signet at Faucland, the vi dai of Junii, and of our regne the twelft yher. And efter the redyng of the said lettres the said Schir Nichole requirit instantly the forsaid alderman and balyheis that thai wald procede to the inqueste and execucion of the said lettres efter the tenour and effecte of thaim, the quhilkis efter his rightwise desir chesit to the said inqueste thir personnes vndir writtin, that is to say, Gilbert Meignes, Richard Vaus, Andro Tu-

lidef, John Scroggs, pater Duncane of Clat, Andro Ayncroft, Thomas Blyndseil, John Voket, Thomas Kintor, William Cadiow, Patrike Badenach, John Blyndseil, Dauid Megnes, Adame Nicholson, Dauid Lichtoune, Henricus Levynton, and John Tulidef. The quhilkis, sworne the grete ath, said and deponit that Schir Androw Murison, chaplane, and Patrik his brothir, principales, and James of Forbes, son and air apperand to Schir Alexander Lord Forbes, and Schir John of Forbes of Tullquhon, knyght, in thar helpying and supple with thair inherdance, warr folowaris and makaris of the said soite at the corss of the said burgh of Aberdene, &c. 15th June. 1448.

The samyn dai, John Voket the son, ane of the balyheis of the said burgh, avisetly oute of courte yheide to the merkate corss, and opynly proclamyt the land that quhilun Roger Williamson dwelt in, and ane other litil sclate house liand in the Chekar, quhilkis warr the said Rogeris, to be sald as movable gude til ony that wald by thaim, and gife maste for thaim, because of xv lib. g. xii s. g. aucht of alde be the saide Roger of the reste of the king Jamys finance, quhom God assolzhe, and this was done before the hale multitude in the merkate, as for the firste dai of this processe.

1*st July*, 1448.

The firste dai of Julii, the yher of grace j^{m} cccc xlviij, the commoune counsaile has concludit and grauntit to mak a propyne to our souerane lord the kingis welcum, quhilk is now to cum, of twa tunnes of Gascoene wyne, sex lichtis of iij stane of wax, and xij half pundis of scorchetis, or falyheand tharof xij hale pundis.

4*th October*, 1448.

This is the appoyntment betuex Alexander of Wardlaw, Andrew Pulty, John Jaffraison, Stephanus Huntar, and Johne Duncaneson, takaris of certane men plegis of Hertilpule on that a part, and John Stephinson, burges of this burgh, on that othir part, that is to say, that John Stephinson is obliste be the faith of his bodie to do his lele deligence to keipe the said plegis, for quhais costis and kepyng he sal haue euery dai v schillingis of vsuale monee of Scotland, fra the dai of thair entree on to the tyme of thair passage, the quhilk monee sal be paiit to the said John of the eraste siluer and gold that cummys of the said plegis, and or he part with thaim; and the said John Stephinson has na perile na aventur of thair kepyng, bot to do his lele diligence as is forsaid, and at he sal noght deliuer thaim, bot

4th October, 1448. of charge and consent of all the forsaid men or thair procuratoures Attour thai haue promissit to the said John a reward for his kepyng and labour, to be modifiit be John of Fif, alderman, and Gilbert Meignes, burges of this burgh.

December, 1448.

Eodem die Johannes Spens et Alexander Anderson custodes foreste de Stokate quilibet eorum in amerciamento curie per confessionem propriam pro eodem quia non fecerunt in officio suo quod debuerunt.

10*th October*, 1449.

The quhilk day it wes ordanit be hel consale, with the consent of the merchandis of this burgh, that ilke merchande man that sendis gud to Bruges sal gif in the honor of God and Sanct Nicolace our patron, that is to say, iiij grot of ilke sek of woll, and iiij grotis of the clath of skynnis, and j grot of ilke barrell, and a grot of ilke dacre of hidis, and this to be disponit vpon the reparacion of the perise kirk of Sanct Nicolace; and of ilke barrell that passis out of this burgh to the Firth or yet ony othir place j d. of the barrell to be disponit as is forsaid; and this wes gravntit with ane assent, and to be put vnder the comon sele and for iiij yher til endur quhil thai be better avisit.

19*th Feburary*, 1450.

The assise hes ordanit that John Traile to fulfill the condicion made in his obligacion, and yherly to pay xl s. quhill he bryng hame the blew stane til his fadre, and that to be raiset be the sight and ordinance of his modre, and of Schir Adam, and Thomas his brother, til syng for his fadre saule at Sancte Duthawis altar. And of the three yheris bigane give it be not paiit, we ordane him to pay it at the sight of the personnes befor written plegio, Roberto Gillespy; et dictus Johannes obligauit terram quam habet de patre suo ad seruandum dictum Robertum indempnem in presentia curie.

15*th April*, 1450.

The quhilk assise hes ordanyt and determinyt that John Gray sall pay for him and for his falow, Patrik of Fife, to the Erle of Orkynnay, of his pensioune of the yher that they warr in office, for the freyng of the toune xi lib. xvi s. x d. And swa remanys of the sammyn pensioune, xi lib. ix s. x d., the quhilk soume the sammyn assise has ordanit Williame

Scherar, quhilk was alderman for the tyme, to pay and assith to the said Lord Orkynnay, in full payment of the said pensioune, vnto the tyme that the said Williame Scherar mak his acompt. 15th April, 1450.

2*d November*, 1450.

The secundi dai of Nouembre, the yher forsaid, Duncane of Clat, dene of gilde, presente in the courte the Eucariste of siluer quhilk Theman goldsmyth had in making. To the making of the quhilk Eucariste the forsaid Duncane deliuerit iiij^{xx} iij vnce of siluer, and he paiit in part of the makyng iiij lib. And he has ressauit agayne in werk liiij vnce, the quhilk he present in the courte. And swa remanys in Themannis handis xxix vnce, for the quhilk Maister John of Cadiow is becummyn, and becummys dettour be this writ, writtin with his propre hand.

13*th September*, 1451.

Nomina Assise.

Johannes de Marr, Duncanus Clat, Johannes Gray, Johannes Voket, Johannes Howison, Johannes Scrogis, pater Willelmus Rolland, Ricardus Kintor, Thomas Kintor, Willelmus Meignes, Andreu Pantar, John Stephinson, et Johannes Tulydef. The quhilk assise ripely avisit, and the witnesmen examynit and herd in the cause movit betuex John Ghesinot and his felowschip maister of a schip of werr of the toune of Deipe, on that a partie, and Hans Lubic, maistre of a schipe of Trailesond, and his merchandes and schipmen, almaynes, twcheyng the taking of thair sammyn schyp, on that othir partie, deliueris in this maner vnderwrittin, that is to say, because the said mater belangis in a part to our souerane lord the king, and thai haue herd seildom or neuer sic matteres declarit, the samyn assise remittis the decision and finale determinacion of the said cause to our said souerone lord and his counsaile, be thaim to be decidit and endit. And in the menetyme, thai ordane that the admiral deputis sall intermet with, and keip the forsaid Duche mennys schip, gudes, and fracht in souertee, to the avale and profite of thaim to quhom thai sall be jugeit be our said souerone lord and his counsaile.

21*st Aprile*, 1452.

The xxi dai of Aprile, the yher of Grace j^{m} iiij^{c} fiftee and twa, the maste parte of the hale communitee of this burgh deliuerit and consentit all with ane assent, that, because of perile apperand, the toune salbe

21st April. 1452. stryngthnit and fortifiit with walles and strynthes in all gudeli haste; and, because this may noght be devisit and done with mony persounes, the aldermane sall chese certane weel set persounes to passe with him aboute the toune, and devise quhat maner of strynthning sal be made, and in quhat places, and how the coste salbe tane and made. And quhatsumeuer thing the forsaides persounes devises, ordanis, and does, ther sal naman contrar agayne call na agaynstand, vndir pane that thai sall demaryt as brekaris of commoune ordinance without remyssioune, and the alderman, in presence of the sammyn communitee, hes chosin to pass with him thir persounes vndirwrittin, that is to say, the dene of the gilde Duncane of Clat, John Scrogs the son, Richard Kyntor, John Howison, and Wat Giffard, with otheris werkman, quhilkis plesis thaim to haue with thaim.

22*d* *May*, 1453.

The samyn day has grauntyt the said alderman and consaile to Johne Crukshanke, the seruice of the kepyng of the orlage for this yer, and til hafe til his fee for ye seruice of it xl s., and has sworne the gret athe to do his diligent besynes to ye keping of it.

5*th* *October*, 1453.

Item, it was avisit, statute, and ordanit be the said counsaile, for the vphaldyng and eikyng of Godis seruice to be done in the paroche kirk of this burgh, that al and sindri chaplanys, the quhilkis has feft altaris, or that ar feit be worthi men of the toune, sal cum daili and do divyne service, that is to say, matynys, hiemesse, and evinsang, and give ony of thaim absentis him fra three of the said howris continualli, thai salbe excludit and expellit that thai sal noght syng messes within the said kirk for a yher, bot giue thai haue sufficient excusation, quhilkis be sene resonable to the alderman and to the correctour of the queir, and the feft chaplanys that beis absent as said is, sal tyne atour thair chaplanijs: and the alderman sall dispone thairapon be avise of the commoune counsaile.

20*th* *July*, 1456.

Vniuersis ad quorum noticias presentes litere peruenerint et specialiter mercatoribus et comburgensibus nostris et eorum seruitoribus partes Flandrie exercentibus prepositus balliui et consules burgi de Aberdene in Scocia salutem in auctore salutis Quia suppremus dominus noster rex fauorabiliter

et graciose concessit prouido viro laurentio pomstrat incole et burgensi ville de Flusa in Flandria Vt sit hospes et receptor omnium et singulorum marcatorum et legeorum regni sui infra dictam villam de Flusa residenciam seu residere valencium temporibus profuturis Noueritis nos de fidelitate industria et experta diligentia eiusdem laurencii plenam fiduciam optinentes matura deliberatione perhabita eundem laurentium in hospitem nostrum burgensium et marcatorum nostri burgi predicti recepisse et admisisse necnon recipere et admittere per presentes Quare vobis omnibus et singulis mercatoribus et comburgensibus nostris et eorum seruitoribus exhortamur et firmiter damus in mandatis quatenus quod vos aut vestrum quemlibet in dicta villa de Flusa aut in confinibus eiusdem venire residere aut moram trauere contigerit hospicium vestrum cum dicto laurencio in domo recipere tenere et obseruare curetis sibi prouide gratitudines et rectitudines secundem antiquas consuetudines partium Flandree huiusmodi hospitibus debitas sine quouis obstaculo honesto et hillariter erando et largiendo adque omnia et singula premissa inuiolabiliter obseruando vos et vestrum quemlibet astringimus firmiter per presentes quibus pro nostra voluntate duraturis In testimonium premissorum sigillum nostrum commune quo ad causas vtimur apponi fecimus in pretorio nostro burgi predicti xx die mensis Julii anno Domini lvi. 20th July. 1456.

Memorandum, that at the giffin of the chapilnary of Saynt Nichallis altar to Sir Henry Hervy, Mayster Duncane Scherar and Androw Scherar comperit personaly befor the alderman and consale, and declaryt to thaim that they hade made a promyse and graunt to the saide Maister Duncane of the erast chapilnary, that vakit at was at thar gift, he sulde hafe it, and besoucht thiar maister schippis, that sen that chapelnary of Saynt Nichallis altar was than vakande, that thai wald keip thair promyse and graunt til hym thairof. And tharefter the alderman and consale considerande that thai micht nocht gudely forga the seruice of the said Sir Henry fra the seruice of the queir, avisitly made instans to the said Mayster Duncane, and Androw, at thai walde at that tym supercede and thole thaim to gif the said chapilnary to the said Schir Henry, because thai mycht nocht guidly forga him fra the seruice of the queir; and thai sulde hafe the erast chapilnary that vakyt at war at thair gyft, gif it lykit the saide Maister Duncane himself til hafe it, or gif it pleysit the saide Mayster Duncane and Androw til gif it til ony vthiris of thair frendis that ar gaynnande and sufficiande thair for.

2d December, 1459.

2*d December*, 1459.

The samyn dai it was appoynttit and fullely accordit, betuex the alderman and the commoune consaile of this burgh on that a pairt, and Maister John of Levington, vicar of Inuerugy, on that other pairt, anes the biggyne of the brigg on the vater of Dee in maner and form as efter folowis, that is to say, at the said Maister John has tane on hande to be maister and gouernour of the said work, be the sicht and avise of the alderman and consail; to the quhilk work the forsaid alderman and consaile sal gif yherly, for the termes of ten yheris, xx lib of their commoune purse.

22*d December*, 1461.

The xxii day of December, the yher of oure Lorde a thousand four hundreth sexte and ane, it is ordanit and concludit be the hale common consale, and be avise, consent, and ordinance of the maste parte of the comownis of this burgh, Alexander of Chamowr that day beand forspekar for the comownis and merchandis thar beand present, that ony man, quhat euer he be, of state heyar or lawer, duelland within this burch, at pais nocht his male, or at withhaldis in his handis vnpait fra a terme til ane vthir his male or ony vthir siluer, othir of tax or revenowis, quharthroch it may ryn to hendryng or preiudice to the toune; at that man, of quhatsumeur degree he be, sal not hafe tax of wateris nor of land, na yet sal be chosin in tyme to cum to beir ony offices within this burch, quhill the time at he freith hym selff, and kepe the toun vnscathit anentis the king and all other men of all dettis and chargis acht be hym.

13*th Januarie*, 1462.

Be it made kend till all men be their present lettres, ws alderman, bailheis, consale, and communitie of the burgh of Aberdene, to be oblist til a noble and michtie lord, Alexander Erle of Huntlie, and Lorde of Baidenach, in manere and fourme as efter folowis: This is to say, forsamekle as the forsaid lorde is oblist till ws in mantenance and supplie, to keipe ws in oure fredomes, and infeftmentis for certaine termes, as in the foirsaid lordis letteris at lynth made til ws thairapon mar fullely is contenit, that we sal be lele and trew to the forsaid lorde erle, in counsale gif he askis ws efter oure wittis and knaulage, and kepe his counsale gif he chargis ws, and atour quhen it sall pleise the forsaid lorde to cum to oure saide burgh with few persons or mony, and to remain or pas quhen him likis, we sal at all oure gudely powere conserue and kepe him and his company within

oure said burgh, to tak sic part with him in his defens as we wald do for the defens of oure awyn persons, kepand our allegeans til oure souerane lorde the king, and the fredomes of oure said burgh. Thir oure letteres til enduir for al the termes of ten yeres fra the day and date of ye making of thaim. In witnes of the quhilk thing, oure secrete sele to thir oure letteris is affixt, at oure burgh of Aberdene forsaid, the xx^{ti} day of Januare, the yere of God j^{m} cccc sexte and twa. 13th January. 1462.

The xx^{ti} day of Januarie, the yere sexte and twa, thir persons, vndirwrittin, ane assise chosyn be the greate aith till decyde efter thaire knawlage, the actioune betuix ane worthy knycht, Schir Walter Stewart of Strathoune on that a part, and Dauid Symson on that othir part, that is to say, Alexander of Chamour, Johne of Mar, Johne of Scrogs, Johne Wodd, Johne Woket, Andrew Rede of Petfothell, Gilbert the Waus, Johne Matheson, Thom. of Fife, Thom. Guelp, Johne Litstar, the said persons ordanis at Dauy Simpson sal bryng hame to the said Schir Walter, knycht, ane dispensatioune be Pasch cum a yere, next efter folowand the date of this write, and failyeand thereof, the forsaid Dauy sal content and pay to the forsaid Schir Walter xxv pundis Scottis, but fraude or gile, efter as in ane obligacioun maid therapon be the said Dauy to the said Schir Walter mar fullely is contenit.

12*th July*, 1463.

The xii day of the moneth of July, the yer of God lxiij yeris, it was fundin and opinly knawine be the altherman and the balzeis syttande in jugement, that Henry of Culan, son and air of umquhile Alexander of Culan, burges of Aberdon, of lachfull aige, out of tutoury, and has chosine til his curatis to gowerne him, Androw of Lesly and Thome of Culan, his cosingis, to gowerne him and his gudis, and at the stok of his gudis be furthe cummande til his profitis and quha to it may affer, and to fynd the childe of the brok of his gudis to the vsche of fyue yeris, the saide v yeris beande runyn, the gudis belangande to the saide Henry to be deliueryt til him or to thaim that it may affer to of law, befor the altherman and the bailyeis forsaide be his saide curatis but ony stopping.

And thir ar the gudis and sommys that the saide curatis has ressauyt of the saide Henry of Culanis fra Wat. Moryson: fyrst, a gold signet, price iij lib.; item, iij siluer spunys, price xv s.; item, of siluer, v lib., v s. vii d.; item, for a belt, viij s; item, for a sake and a gowne of blowe

12th July, 1463.

pryce xxxv s.; item, a countir and a schryne, price xx s., for the quhilkis sommys and gudis the saide curatis and the childe has dischargit the saide Wat Moryson in presens of the said altherman and bailzeis, and thair attour the said curatis has fundin Jamys Craike souertie to the said altherman and bailzeis that the stok of thir fornemmyt gudis sal be furtht cumande for the profite of the saide Henry, or to quhom to it may affer of law, the saide fyve yeris beande runnyn, and thairto the saide Jamys is oblist, be the faith of his body, befor thir witnes, Norman of Lesly, Duncane Alone, Thome of Culane, Duncane of Straloch, with vthyr sindry.

14*th July*, 1463.

The xiiij day of Julij, the yer lxiii, it is ordanyit be the altherman and the consaile that Dauy Patrikson, burges of the saide burgh, for the rebellione done be him to the altherman, fyrst, that he sall ramayne in the tolbuth on to the morne, at the wil of the altherman and the consaile; and thar efter, on the Sonday next to cum, the saide Dauy sall cum bar fute, with his gowne louse, and a candill of a punde of wax in his hande, to Saint Nicholace kirk in the tyme of the hee messe, and offir that candill thar to the altar, and aske the altherman and his consaile forgifnes, for the luf of God, and neuer to do sic thyng again; and syne thar efter the said Dauy, fra that day furth, sal gyf oukly for the hale yeir, a pynt of wyne to the kirke for his said rebellione, and to the fulfilling of this, the saide Dauy is oblist and sworne, be the fath of his body, in presens of the altherman and his consale.

18*th July*, 1463.

[Letter to the Earl of Huntly and others.]

Hee and myghty lordis, I recomawnde me humbly on to your lordschippis with all humilytie and seruice. Pleyse your lordschippis to wit, that I hafe ressauyt certan credens of youris, be your skwyar Alexr. of Lesly, chargeand me and the tone to be at you this Monunday at evine at the Cabbrach. My lordis, I hafe callit the nichburis of our tone and schawin thaim your credens, the quhilk nichburis ar wele set at all thair gudely poweris to pleyse your lordschippis with thair seruice, in alsfer as thai may, beseking your lordschippis ye will nocht be displeysit that thai may nocht come to this hasty tryst, efter his credens, for in gud fathe, we hafe na hors, na may get none to cum, because of the warnyng of the cuntre of gentilmen, to cum to your lordschippis at this

tryst. And forthir, my lordis, we ar chargit be oure souerane lorde to kepe oure toune, for he is sickerly informyt of a flot of Inglismen to cum for the destruction of our tone, and of vtheris within this realme, for the quhilkis we beseke yow to hafe us excusit, as our great traist is in your singular lordschippis, the quhilkis Allmichty God conserue at your hee and mythty nobill hartis desiris. Writtyn, vnder my signet, at Aberdon, this last Monunday the xviii day of July. 18th July, 1463.

30*th August*, 1463.

Copia litere directe Domino de Forbes per consilium et communitatem huius burgi.

Richt honorable and michty lorde, we commawnde ws hartly on to your lordschip. And pleysit your lordschip, to wit, that we hafe ressauyt a letter of youris from your chaplayn, this last Twysday, and quhar your lordschip writes til ws that certane personys of oure burgh is cummyn in contrare of your lordschip, in feir of weir; and, as your lordschip presumys that thai passit nocht without avyse and consaile of ws, we declar to your lordschip that we war nathir art nor part, rede nor consaile, of the personys that passit in contrar of your lordschip; nor thinkis neid to gif rede nor consaile til ony man to do ony molestacione or greife in contrar of your lordschip, bot euer to do servuice and emplesance to your lordschip at our gudely poweris; and quhar your lordschip complenzeis upon our alderman, that men of his hushalde was ther, we hafe inquyrit at hym thairof, and his answer tyll ws is, that be his wittyn thar was na man thar belangande him or his hushalde; and he sayis, gif it pleyse your lordschipe till reherse ony mannys name of his hushalde that was thar, it sal be wele amendyt that your lordschip salbe empleysit; quharfor, we beseche your lordship richt instantly, that ye be nocht grevit nor displeysit at ws, nor at our nichtbouris, for ony cause done be ws, for we think to kepe our kindnes to your lordschip, that your lordschip salbe empleysit be the grace of God, and traistis the samyn in your lordschip, quhilkis Allmythty God conserue in lang lestande honour and prosperite. Writyn vnder our secret sele of cause, the penult day of August. Youris, at thair gudely poweris, the consaile and communitie of the burgh of Aberdeine.

Nobili et potenti domino Domino de Forbes domino nostro confidenti.

20th December, 1463.

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The said day, anent the debate movit betuix Theman, goldsmycht, on that a part, and Thomas Reburne, goldsmycht, on that vthir part, of ane ferthing of ane Inglis Nobill, changit be the saide Theman to the saide Thomas for the valou of quhite siluer. The quhilk ferthing the said Theman assayit tharefter to wirk, and fande it nocht sufficyande golde, and askyt the saide Thomas to pay him his siluer that he gaf him, and to tak his ferthing agyn. The quhilk the saide Thomas reffoysit to do, because that the ferthing was brokin be the saide Theman, and nocht in the ply he gaf it him. Vpon the quhilk debate, with consent of bathe the parteis forsaide, thair was chosin ane assise of worthi men to decyde and ende the saide debate: that is to say, John of Fyfe, Robert Blindesele, Robert Wormet, William Vokate, John Litstar, Thome Quelp, and Adam of Crafuirde, with vthyr man. The forsaide parteis, be the treuthis of thair bodiis, til vnderly and fulfill oblist thair deliuerance and sentens of the saide debaitis. The quhilk assise, wele and ryply avysit, has delyuerit, and for sentens furth giffin, that Theman, goldsmycht, sal sustene na scathe for the brekine of the saide ferthing, bot deliuer it agayn to the saide Thomas Ryburne, and he to content Theman of v s. vi d. agayn, that he gaf him for it, sen it was nocht lachfull nor sufficiande to pass for payment na werk, and the forsaide Thomas til sok til his warande gif he hafe ony til vpricht him.

20th March, 1466.

Copia litere burgi de Perth.

Richt honorable and worschipfull schiris, and richt hartly louyt nichtburis, we commande ws hartly to yow. And for alsmekle as we hafe vnderstandin your letteres sende til ws of a questione fallin amangis yow, be the decesse of ane of your nichtburis, the quhilk maryit twa wyffis, and hade with the fyrst wyff a dochter, in the quhilk wyffis tym he conquest a lande within your saide burgh; and efter hir decesse maryet ane vthir wyff, with the quhilk he gat sonnys and dochteris, til inquer of the successione of the saide lande conquest in the saide fyrst wyffis tym, quhilk of the barnys succede to the said lande, we ripely avisit of befor be ane of our nichtburis decessyt, fande and declarit that quhar he hade with the fyrst wyf douchteris, and with the secunde a son, that the lande conquest

in the fiyrst wyffis tyme the dochter is full airis, and nocht the son, efter the law and consuet of the burgh. And this to your hartly nichtburhedis we declar be thir oure letteris, the quhilkis Almichty God hafe euer in his blessit keping. Writtyn and closit vnder our secret sele at Perth, the xx day of Marche, ye yer of our Lorde a thousande four hunder sexty and sex yeris. 20th March, 1466.

Prepositus balliui et consules burgi de Perth vestri ad mandatum.

Honorabilibus et magne prudentie viris preposito balliuis et consulibus burgi de Aberden vicinis nostris sincere dilectis.

30*th June*, 1467.

Johannes Robertson dictus Christ super quem Robertus Blindsele porrexit plegium pro iniusta spoliacione de certis tabulis de Werstale in botha sua sepe vocatus tanquam primo die huius processus non comparuit et idio precipitur seriando et pro iniusta abstractione vnius ligne precii x s. de dicta botha et pro firma bothe predicte xii d.

2*d December*, 1467.

It is ordanyt be the alderman, bailzeis, and hale consale, anent the debatis and strublance betuix Willam Vokat and Thomas Quelp, that the said Thomas sal fyrst syt done on his kne and tak the nakit knyff that he hurt the said William with in his hande, and opynly knaw that he has offendit til him, and deliuer him the said knyf, to do with it that he will. And, in name of xx lib. to be payit at the saide alderman and consallis will, and to pray the saide Willam, for the luf of God, til hartfully forgif hym; and thairefter to pray the alderman and the consale that thai wald pray the saide Willam to forgif hym, and that the saide Thomas sall be stedable to the saide Willam in all thingis that he has ado, and to do him alsmekle worschip as he has done him lake at al his power. Alsua, the saide Thomas sall content and pay to the alderman, quhen he askis it, xl s., the quhilk sal be giffin to the chaplanis of the haly bludis messe; and thair attour, because the strublans was done til a brothir of the gilde, sall content and pay a pip of wyne til amendis quhat tym that the aldermen and consale chargis hym therwith. And quhilk of thir that forfaltis till vtheris for this cause in tym to cum, sall content and pay to Saynt Nicholace werk xx lib. to be raysit at the alderman and consalis ordinans, on forgiffin. And to the

2d December, 1467. keping of the forsaide ordinans, the forsaide parteis ar sworn be the gret ath, in presens of the alderman and the hale consale, but reuocacione in tym to cum.

20th March, 1468.

Copia litere burgi de Edinburgh.

Richt honorable and worschipfull schiris, and wele beluwyt nichtburis, we commaunde ws hartly to yow: and pleyseth yow to wit, that we hafe rassauyt and vnderstandin your lettere sende til ws and present be the berar, making mensioune that thar is a questioun hapnyt with yow that a burges of your burgh, the quhilk is decessit, hapnyt to mary twa wyffis, and in the fyrst wyffiis tyme conquest a lande within your said burgh, and hade with hir a douchtir; and efter the fyrst wyffis decesse he hapynt to mary ane vthir wyff, with quhilk he gat sonnys and douchteris; the quhilke lande conquest in the fyrst wyffis tym was vnassignyt be him til ony of his saide barnys in his tym; and at ther is now cammyn befor yow the dochtir of the fyrst wyff, clamande the said lande as air thairto, and to be knawin be yow to the samyn and richt; swa the son of the secunde wyff, askande him to be kende to the saide lande as air til his fadir, prayng ws that forsamekle as sic a case has nocht hapnyt with yow in tym bygane, that we walde pass togidder with the consaile of men of law, and avise tharapon, and to certyfy yow in write with the berar. For the quhilkis we hafe passit togidder with men of law, and has commonyt apon the saide mater, beande wele and rypely avisit, thus we mak knawn and findis, that the douchter gottyn in the fyrst wyffis tyme, aucht of resone and law to succede to the heritage conqueist and gottyn in the said fyrst wyffis tym, of lesse than it was assignit of befor in the fadiris tym, *vt patet in legibus burgorum in capitulo vbi dicit de homine habente duas vxores, etc.* And this we declair and certyfiis to your nichtbourhedis be thir presentis, the quhilkis the blissit Trinite euermar conserue in guid hele and prosperite. Writtyn vnder our common sele of cause, at Edinburgh, the xx day of the monethe of Marche.

Prepositus balliui et consules burgi de Edinburgh vobis prompti in omnibus.

Honorabilibus circumspecteque prudentie viris preposito balliuis et consulibus ville de Aberdene vicinis et amicis nostris sincere dilectis.

27*th March*, 1468. 27th March, 1468.

Copia litere burgi de Dunde.

Richt honorable and worschipful sirris, ande nichtburis, hartly louyt, we commande ws to yow with al our hartis. And pleyse your nichtbourhedis, to wit, that we hafe vnderstandyn your letter direct til ws, vnder your secret sele, requeryng ws to certify you be writ this questioun: a man maryande twa wyffis; with the fyrst wyf he conquest landis, and hade a douchter with that wyf; and efter that wyffes decesse maryit ane vther wyf, with the quhilk he gat sonnys and dochteris: the man deande, and makande na assignacione of his landis til nane of his barnys. The law and consuetude of the four burowyis in the xxv chapter, that begynnis thus gatis, *Si burgensis duas vxores habuerit, etc.*, declaris that the landis conquest in the first wyffis tym, sall ramayn with the first wyffis barne, and richt swa, the landis conqueist in the last wyffis tym, will ramayn with the last wyffis barnys; the quhilk law we oyse and kepis, and we consoule yow to do richt. Swa nocht ellis, bot richt honorable and worschipfull nichtburis, the Haly Gast conserue you in prosperite euerlestingly, bath in bodiis and saulys. Writtyn, vnder our secret sele, at Dunde the xxvii day of the moneth of Marche.

Prepositus balliui et consules burgi de Dunde vobis parati.

Honorabilibus et circumspecte prudentie viris preposito balliuis et consulibus burgi de Aberden vicinis nostris predilectis.

23*d January*, 1470.

Copia litere regis.

Jamys, be the grace of God king of Scottis, to our alderman and balzeis of our burgh of Aberdene, greting. For alsmekle as we hafe gevyn to our louyt Jamys Hervy, and his airis, a tenement of lyande within oure said burgh, with the pertinens pertenyng til ws throw resine of bastardry, be the decesse of Henry Hervy, bastarde, and Androw his son, as is contenyt in the saide Jamys charter, made til him tharoppoun: Our will is, and we charge yow straitly and commawndis, that thir our letteris sene, but delay ye ger rede and wode the saide tenement to the saide Jamys, and kep him and his tenandis vnuexit and vndistrub tharin, alsfer as law will, vnder all payn and charge that efter may folow, deliuering thir our letteris, be yow sene and execut, agayn to the berrar. Gevin

23d January, 1470. under our signet, at Edinburgh, the xxiii day of Januar, and of oure regne the tent yer.

8th August, 1470.

Copia litere regis.

Jamys, be the grace of God king of Scottis, til the alderman and balyeis of our burgh of Aberdeine, greting. For alsmekil as we haf wryttin diuerse and mony tymys to yow, be the decrete and deliuerans of the lordis of our counsaile, to devoyde and rede a certaine lande and tenement, lyande within oure said burghe, to oure louyt Agnes Lilburne, and Johne Chapman, hir spouse, and as yeit ye hafe done nocht tharto, in dissobeyng of our said letteris, mandement, and chargis, and in gret lychtlying and contemnyng of oure auctorite and mageste: Our will is, and we charge yow tharfor strately, and commandis yeit as of befor, ye pas to the said lande and tenement, and that ye furthwith devoyde and red the samyn to the saidis Agnes, and John Chapman, hir saide spouse, or to thair factouris, of all personys and gudys inhabitande the saide tenement, and that ye halde, woyde, and red to thaim; and that ye kep, mantene, supple, and defende, the saidis Agnes, and hir saide spouse, in the brukyn and joysyng of the said tenement, efter the tenour of our vthir letteris, direct to yow thairapon, vnder all the heist payn and charge ye may committ, and inrine agayn oure majeste in that pairt, deliueryng thir our letteris, be you deuly execut and indorsit as efferis, again to the berar. Gevin vnder our signet, at Fauulklande, the viii day of August, and of oure regne the tent yer.

27th February, 1471.

The penult dai of Februar, the yer of God lxxi, because that the office of belmanschip of this burgh was vacand, the alderman gerd Johne Sclater pas with the bel throu the towne, to charge the comunite to cum to the tolbuthe, for the chesing of a belman that war maist habit and proffitable for the toune. And with the consent of the alderman, balzeis, consail, and comunite of the toune that war present in the tyme efter the passing of the bel, Androw Murray, masowne, com in presence of thaim al and profferit to gif for that office of belmanschip, for his tyme, yerly, to the common proffite of the toune, fyve markis, and to do all vthir deuiteis and service to the toune that ony vthir belman did of before; the alderman in the tyme

inquirand gif ony vthir man wald gif mare, and fand na man that wald gif samekil. And furthwith, that beand done, the alderman, in the name of the toune and of the communite, deliuerit til the said Andro the bel, and chesit him for all the daies of his life common belman, with consent of the balyeis, consale, and communite, beand present for the tyme, as saidis. Heratour, the said Andro is oblist to byde and to remayn at Sanct Nicholace wark, and al vthir common warkis, for his tyme, for siclike fee as he may half in vthir places. 27th February, 1471.

8th January, 1472.

The aucht day of ye moneth of Januar, ye yeire of God m^mo^ iiij^mo^ sevintie and twa yeris, Androu Scherar, alderman of ye burgh of Aberden in that tyme, with consent and assent of ye hail common consel, being thar present in ye tolbuthe, has grauntit and promittit to Schir Androu, ye son of quhilum Thomas Andreson, burges of Aberden, chaplan of ye Rude altar, in ye parisch kirk of ye said burgh, that for his continuacioune of diuine seruice, to be done and made be him in tym to cum, in Sanct Nicholes kirk, efter as ye tym askis at his gude diligence and power; that ye said Schir Androu sal hafe yerlie for his fie ten merkis of ye vsuale money of Scotland, of ye common gudis of ye forsaid burgh, togiddre with all annualis proffitis and dewiteis pertening to ye fornemmit rude altar, quhilk soume and pencioun of x merkis yerlie, togiddre with ye Rude altar, ye forsaid Schir Andro sal hafe and joise for all ye time of his life, he makand busy and gude service tharfor, as forsaid is.

Ye same day, ye alderman and consel has promittit and gravntit til Schir Henry Hervy, chaplane of Sanct Michalis altar, for his gude service and continuauioune tharof to be done be him in tyme to cum in Sanct Nicholes kirk in diuine service, that he sal hafe for al ye daiis of his life yerlie of ye common purse, and of the common gude of ye said burgh sex pundis, threttene schillingis, and foure pennys of ye vsuale payment of Scotland, togidder with all proffitis and dewiteis pertening til ye forsaid altar of Sanct Michael.

30th January, 1474.

The same day, because thare was na dene of gilde chosin on the Friday next efter that the alderman was chosin, and that the tyme of his

30th January, 1474. chesing was sa lang byrunnyn, it is ordanit, deliuerit, and concludit be the haill consel present in the tyme, of the quhilkis the names efter followis, that thare sal na dene of gilde be chosin for this yere bot the alderman, quhilk has had the vse of that office, and intrometting of it hiddertilles, sen he was chosin alderman, and he to mak compt therof at the ische of his aldermanschip as efferis. Thir ar the persons that war present in the tyme, and consentit thairto, na man gainsayand of thaim, Alexr. Menzeis, Johne of Mar, Andro Alanson, Richard of Kyntor, Johne Wode, Alexr. Blinschel, Johne of Knollis, Dauid Colison, Dauid Symson, Gilbert the Vaus, Gilbert of Chamer, Dauid Menzes, Edmond Lawson, Dauid Mathoson, and Patrick Badenach, &c.

3d November, 1474.

The thrid of Nouembre, the yer lxxiiij, it is appointit, and fullely accordit betuix Dauid Menzes elder, on the ta part, and Schir Andro Wricht, maister of the kirk wark of Aberden, on that vther part, in maner and fourme as efter folowis: that is to say, that the said Dauid has sawlde to the said Schir Andro, in the name of Sanct Nicholace, thre futhir of lede, ilke futhir contenand sex score of stanys, to be deliuerit, God willand, gif wynde and wethir will serve, betuix this and Pasch next to cum apon the key of Aberden; but ony exceptioune, cauillacioune, fraude, or gile, for the quhilkis, the said maister of wark sal pay to the said Dauid, or his deputis or factouris, deliueraris of the said lede, fourty-sex pundis and ten schillingis of vsuale money of Scotland for the hail thre futhiris, at the said day of the deliurence of the lede. And gif it sal happyn the said Dauid to failye in his defaute of the deliuerence of the said lede, at day and place forsaid, as God forbede, than the said Dauid sal pay daly to the said maister of wark xij d. efter the principale day of the deliuerence of the said lede be passit; and in sic likewise gif the said maister of wark failyeis in payment of the said soume for the saide lede, be the said day of the deliuerence, or within viij daies therefter at the ferrest, than the said maister of wark sal pay to the said Dauid, or his deputis, deliueraris of the saide lede, xii d. daily til his expensis, and nocht to be allowit in the principale somme. Of the quhilk lede, the said Dauid gravntis him content, and pait of aucht pundis in part of payment of the said principale somme. And thir condiciones lely to be kepit, athir of the parties til vther has gefin gude faith before thir witnes, Alexander of Chavmer, alderman, Alex. Menzes, Richard

of Kyntor, David Colison, Dauid Symson, Gilbert of Chadmer, Patrik Badenach, Edmond Lowson, and vtheris mony and diuerse. 3d November 1474.

2d May, 1475.

The second day of May, the yer of our Lorde m° iiij^c lxxv yeris, it was ordanit, endit, and concludit be the alderman, and certane persons of counsale, of the quhilkis the names efter followis, that the offerand and all vther offerantis to cum, that fallis vpon the Rude altar, and the chaplan of the Browne croice altar, quhat evir thai be for the tyme, and that neyther of the chaplanis of the Rude altar or of the Browne croice sall haue singulare proffite til ony of thaim, bot that all gudis that ar offerit in the tyme sal be diuidit evinlie and rychtwisly ymangis thaim. Thir ar the names of the consel that war present in the tyme: Alex. of Chavmer, alderman, Matho Fichet, Johne of Mar, Andro Scherar, Richard of Kyntor, Patrik Badenach, Johne of Knollis, Johne the Vaws, Gilbert of Chavmer, Dauid Symson, thre of the balyeis in the tyme, Adam of Crafurd, William Voket, Dauid Collisen, Thom of Fiffe, Robert Blindsel, and of spirituale men, Maister Andro Symson, vicar of Abirden, Maister Johne Smaler, vicar of Kyngowdrum, Maister Johne Levingstoune, vicar of Inuerugy, Schir Alex. Voket, Maister William Voket, his brother, Schir Dauid Vaus, curate of Abirdene in the tyme, Schir Thomas Dauidsone, Schir Robert Leis, public notar, with vtheris sindree. Apon the quhilk deliuerence and decrete, Schir Andro, the son of quhilum Thomas Anderson, chaplan of the Rude altar, tuke in the tyme of the deliuerence fra Schir Robert Leis, public notar, ane instrument in the vestry of the parisch kirk of Aberdene, befor the persons forsaid, or the maist pairt of thaim, and that this decrete and deliuerence soulde nocht be reuokit nor gaincallit for the tyme of the saidis chaplanis, viz., of Schir Alex. Club, chaplan of the browne croice altar, and of Schir Andro, chaplan of the Rude altar, no nor efter thare tyme, bot perpetually til indure, &c.

11th May, 1475.

Copia litere regis.

James, be the grace of God king of Scottis, til all and sindrie our lieges and subditis quham it efferis, to quhais knaulege thir our letteres salcum, greting. Fersamekil as it is lammentabilly menit till ws be our louit Johne

11th May, 1475.

of Spens, litster, the son and ayr of vmquhile Adam of Spens, burges of our burgh of Aberdene, that throw auentur of his craft and vtherways he is sa tensalit in gudis, that he is nocht of povar to pay certane dettis and soumes of money awing be him to certane personis within oure realme; and in hope that, be diligently labour and travale, ta recouer agane in gudis to outred and pay the saidis dettis and sowmes of money, we haue of our speciale grace and fauouris thairfor respect, and be thir our letteres specially respectis, the saide Johne his landis and gudis quhatsomeuer to be vncompellit, vndistrengeit, vnarrestit, vnvexit, and vndistrublit be ony juge spirituale or temporal for the said dettis or sowmes of money forsaids for the space of a yer nixt and immediate following the date of thir our letteris. Quharfor we charge straitly and commandis all and sindrie our lieges and subdities forsaidis, baith spiritual and temporal, that nane of you tak vpon hand to cal, arrest, distrenye, vex, inquiet, or distruble the said Johne in his person, landis or gudis, for the said dettis or soumes of money awing be him to quhatsumeur persones, induring the tyme and space of a yer aboue exprimit, vndir all the hiest pain, charge, and offens ye may commit and inrin again ws in that part. Given vnder our priuie sele, at Edinburgh, the xi day of Maii, and of our regne the xv yer. James R.

17*th September*, 1475.

Item, Alexander of Chavmer, than alderman, and the consel has ordanit and assignit, at the request and instans of Schir Henry Hervy, that his said pensioune of this toun salbe pait til him yerly of ye Justice Myln, &c. Act xxvij die Septembris anno, lxxv.

30*th May*, 1476.

Copia litere regis penes comitem de Mar presentate ex parte eiusdem et perlecte in ipsius presentia coram tota communitate in pretorio penultim die Maii anno lxxvi asserente vnanimi voce eandem literam in omnibus secundum tenorem et continenciam eiusdem et mandati regis adimplere &c.

James, be the grace of God king of Scottis, til the alderman, balleis, consale, and communitie of our burgh of Aberdene, greting: Forsamekil as our derest bruthir, Johne Earle of Marr, reparis and residis diuerse tymes quietly in oure said burgh of Aberdene, oure wil is, and we exhort and praise

you, and also straitlie commandis and chargis that, in al tymes tocum, ye assist to our said bruthir, and, for the souerite and keping of his person, ye redely rise with him quhat tyme he chargis you, in the actionis and querrellis that he happinis to haue ado within our said burghe, for we haue gevin him speciale charge and command to supple and defend you in oure absence agane ony persons that wald oppress or iniure you in ony wise. And this on na wise ye leue vndone, as ye wil haue singulare thank of ws, and vndir al paine and charge that efter may follow. Geuin vnder our priuie seil, at Edinburgh the xix day of Aprile, and of our regne the xvi yer. James R. 30th May, 1476.

14*th April*, 1477.

The same dai, the alderman proponit to the hale consale, and communite belanging the biging of the qveyr, schawand the thankis and kyndnis that my lord of Aberden has profferit, for the quhilkis the alderman, consale, and communitee forsaidis hes grantit to the biging of the qveyr al feis of alderman, balyeis, dene of gilde, abbot, and priour of this burgh, with the common gude, and al vtheris proffitis that may be gottin for sevyn yeris to cum, and mare gif it nedis, be the sight of thir personis vnder writin: that is to say, Andro Scherar, alderman, Alexander of Chavmer, Alexander Meignes, Johne of Mar, Johns of Knollis, Dauid Colison, Thomas of Fife, Alexander Rede, and Alexander Howison, quhilkis personis sal haue ful commissione vnder the commoune seil of the said burgh.

15*th September*, 1477.

Item, the same day, it is ordanit and decretit be the alderman and consale, for the wphalding of diuine seruise, daily to be made in the qweyr and kirk of Aberden, that Wilyam Yong, ane of the clerkis, sal haue the quarter of the Galowgate til his fee for this instant, and Richard Boyl the quarter of the Castelgate, and quhilk of the said quarteris is better than vther to be made elike to thaim be the sycht of the alderman and consale, and Adam Strath til haue the Schipraw, with the Grene, and Andro Ettale, the ferd clerc, sal hafe the Gaistraw, with the Sculehil.

18*th September*, 1477.

The same dai thir personis of the consale vnderwritin, and vthir pairt of the gilde of thes burgh: that is to say, Johne of Marr, Robert of Culan,

18th Sept., 1477.

Dauid Symson, Alexander Howison, Thomas of Chawmer, Alexander Rede, Gilbert the Vause, John the Vaus, Thomas Prat, William the Hay, James Cuming, Dauid Kyntor, Dauid Matheson, Adam of Craufurd, and Angus Ihoneson, has consentit and ordanit that Alexander of Chavmyr, alderman, be continevit vpper and principale maister of wark of the biging of Sanct Nicholace qveyr for twa yeris to cum; and that Schir Andro Wricht, or ony vther that ressavis ye siluer, procurit, and pertening to the said wark, sal mak compt thairof to the said Alexander of Chavmer, and he to be responsale and dettour thairfor to the toune.

7th October, 1477.

The vii day of October, yer of God m° iiij$_c$ lxxvii, Alexander of Chawmer, alderman, with consent and deliuerence of the hail consale, na man ganestandand, has gevin and grantit to the beging of the qweyr, ay and quhil it be fullely bigit and complete, that thare sal be takyn of the wattir of Done fourty and aucht pundis yerly, and of the wattir of Crvis yerly twelf pundis. Alsua, yerly, of the procuracione of Sanct Nicolace kirk, twenty pundis, quhil the forsaid qveyr be fullely bigit and complete as said is. And this is grantit and deliuerit with consent of the hail comunite.

10*th October*, 1477.

Item, that the alderman, and a certaine of the consale with him, pass through the toune to see the venalis that are closit, and that thai ger thaim be red and oppinnyt as thai think expedient and spedeful.

10*th January*, 1479.

The samyn dai, Schir Walter Yung, chaplan, is oblist, be the faith of his body, til the alderman and consale before writin, that alslang as he gettis ten markis of gude payment yerly, and fyve dais met in the oulk, he sal remain and mak sic service in the kirk as he can or may do at his gudely power, and alslang as it likis the toune til hald him. And gif he failyeis in ony service making, he sal be correkit be the sicht of the alderman, balleis, and counsale of this burgh, &c.

7*th June*, 1479.

The samyn dai, the aldirman and the consal, at the instance of our soueran

lordis lettres, my Lord of Aberdenis lettres, and of Maister Alexander Ingliss, chansler of Aberdenis lettres of request, has grantit and promittit til Maister Thomas Strathachin, maister of the grammar scules of Abirdene, that he sal hafe yerly, of the common gude of this toune, fyve pundis of the vsual payment of Scotland, ay and quhil he be promovit til a service within the kirk of Sanct Nicholess of Abirdene. And that the alderman that sal be for the tyme sal ger him be content and payit therof yerly, the sade maistre makand diligent and gude service for the informacion and instructioun of the barnyis at his gudely power. Writin the vii day of June the yer forssaid. 7th June, 1479.

13*th September*, 1479.

The samyn day, the alderman, consel, and communite, has grantit to Sande Cowtis, for the mending of the causais and the guttaris of the toune and to halde al the gatis of the toune clene, that al men may haf honest and clene passage throuch all the toune, of ilka fyre house a penny, and of al vtheris, outeburges, and inburgessis, and indwellaris, havand chavmer or house, a penny, to be pait twyse in the yer, Mertymes and Witsonday; the tane half of the toune peyand the tane half at Mertymes, and the vthir half of the toune payand the tothir half at Witsonday.

17*th March*, 1480.

The samyn day, it wes concludit and ordanit be the consale and diuerse of the comunite, anent the making of the fossis aboute the toun, that quhatsumeuer he be, indwellar of this burgh, that beis obstant and contrar to the making thairof, sa fer as pertenis til ilkane to do, that the alderman and balyeis, be the sycht of certan of the consale, sal cause the samyn fossis to be made apon the costis and expenses of the gainstandaris of the said ordinance.

2*d April*, 1481.

Iohne of Knollis, Thomas Fife, Thomas Prat, Dauid Symson, Alexander Howison, Andro Murray, elder, and Gilbert the Vaus, ar chosin, for til devise, see, and prouide for the making of the fossis, and performing of the walling of this toune, for the strinthing of the sammyn. Devisit, ordanit, and concludit, be the alderman, balyeis, and consale of this burgh, with consent and assent of the hale communite, being warnit be the bel.

21st May, 1481.

21*st May*, 1481.

xxi die Maii anno quo supra. The alderman, bailyeis, consal, and comunitie, has ordanit and concludit that the hawyne sal be closit and lokyt in al guidly hast. For the quhilkis thai haue ordande a taxt til be rasit of al inhabitant the towne, to the quantite and avale of it that will make the costis thairvpoun.

27*th June*, 1481.

The xxvii day of Junij. It is ordinit be the alderman, balyes, consel, and comunite, that quha at remouis his gudis owt of the town, or at passis himself fra the defens of the towne, his gudis sal be achet, himself benist for yer and day, and his tak, gif he has ony, sal be fra him for al his termis at he has thaim, and his house to be tane downe efter, as it is statut in commond law.

16*th May*, 1483.

The xvj day of May, yer forsaid, it is appoyntit and accordit betuixt Robert Blindsel, alderman of Abirden, and Dauid Menzis, elder, maister of the kirk wark of the samyn burgh, on the ta pairt, and John Alanson, maister of a bote of Dysart, on the tother part: That is to say, the said Johne Alanson has saulde to the kirk wark of the said burgh his said bote ful of lyme, alsmekle as scho may gudely fuyr for xvj s. the chalder, to be brocht heir to the key of Aberden alssune gudely as wynd and wedder wil serue him thairto; for the quhilk lyme, the said Johne Alanson grantis him til half resuit fra the said master of the kirk wark xxij s. j d., in pairt of payment; and John the Vaus, elder, and Wilyam Moyses ar oblist to releve the said master of wark of xii d. of ilke chalder, as for ten chalder; and the said Johne Alanson sal be payt for the said lyme alssune as he makis deliuerence of the samen but fraude or gile. To the quhilkis bayth the parties ar oblist be ye faith of thair bodiis, witnes heirof Thomas Fife, Johne of Culan, Dauid Menzes yonger, Alexander Rede, Dauid Symson, Gilbert Waus, Andro Wenton, and vtheirs diuerse.

27*th June*, 1483.

The xxvii dai of June, yer lxxxiii, it was rehersit be Dauid Menzes, master of the kirk wark, that it was appoyntit, decretit in lenterm last by past, the tym of the aldermannis being in Edinburgh, at the par-

liament, betuix the masownys of the luge: that is to say, Richard Ancram, Andro Murray, James of Barry, Johne Russal, Johne of Kyndrumy, and Matho Wrycht, efter that thai war frendit and accordit vpon certane debate and controuersy betuix thaime, that gif ony tym tocum thairefter ony of thaim offendit til vther, that war fundin in a faute, for the first faute, he suld gif xx s. to Sanct Nicholace wark vnforgevin, and for the second faute, gif thai fautyt agane, xl s.; and, gif thai fautit the thrid tym, to be excludit out of the luge as a common forfautour. The quhilk ordinance, ye masownis forsaidis has ratifiit and approvit this samyn day, before ye alderman and consel, and newlingis oblist thame til obserue the samyn be the faith of thare bodiis. 27th June, 1483.

13*th January*, 1484.

The xiii dai of Januar, the yer of God lxxxiiij, the alderman, consaile, and communite of Aberdene, for the obseruing and keping of thair actis made of before, and for the concord betuix Schir Andro Gray, and Schir Walter Young, chaplanis, anent the debate movit apon the altarage of Sanct Michale, and for the implesure of my lord of Erol, and fulfilling of his request, with the consent of the said Schir Andro Gray, thai ordane and grauntis that the said Schir Walter sal haif four merks of the altar of Sanct Michale yeirlie, in pensioune, ay and quhill he be promovit to ane chaplanry, or seruice of ten merkis or aboue, and salbe maid sickir thairof in the best and maist autentik forme that can be devisit; and gif Schir Andro Gray makis the said Schir Walter sickir of the seruice of sex merkis, quhilk he has at Sanct Ninianis altar, or of ony vther sex merkis for seruice to be done be the said Schir Walter, the said Schir Andro salbe relevit and free of the said yearly pensioun of four merkis; and attour the said Schir Walter sal haf of the towne the keping of the ferdyne, and twa merks yeirlie, tharfor; and also of the commoun gude of the toune yerly, vther twa merkis, and sal haf the common seil gevin til him thairuppon for sickernes, quhil he be promowit til ane service or chaplanry of ten merkis as said is, and sal haf the common seil of the craft and first chaplanery that sal happin to vaik, at the presentation or gift of the toune, of ten merkis or aboue. And for this, the said Schir Walter is oblist to remain and mak seruice in the qvere daily, at matynis, hiemesse, and evinsang, and sall nocht absent him thairfra, without ane lachful or sufficient excusacioun, that salbe sene reson-

13th January, 1484. able to the alderman and consale of the toun. And gif he at ony tyme wilfully absentis him fra his seruice, as said is, without licence of the toune and resonabil excusacioun, that be notourlie knawin be the toune, than the said pensionis sal vaik, and be at the disposicion of the giffaris. And the alderman, consale, and communitie forsaids hes ordanit and assignit the twa merkis yeirlie for the keping of the ferding to be pait to the said Schir Walter, be the handis of thare maister of kirk wark, being for the tym; and the tuthir twa merkis to be rasit yeirlie of thair malis of Rubislaw, at twa vsuale termes of the yere, Witsunday and Mertymes in wynter, be evinly porcionis.

30*th January*, 1484.

The penult dai of Januar, yer forsaid, the consail and hail communite of Abirdene beand gadderit in the tolboothe, hes grantit with a consent ordanit and statute, that all nichtburis and inhabitantis of this burgh sal, in tyme tocum, haf thare wauppinis and armis, swerdis, axis, cellattis, and vthir fenssable geer, redy besyde thaim in thair buthis and houssis, and cum with thaim to the alderman, ballies, or seriandis incontinent, quhen thai see or heris thaim or ony of thaim myster helpe or supple in thare office, doing for the attaching and correctioun of trespassouris, and abstrach thaim nocht fra their nichburis quhen thai se thaim wawnt of help, or to be in poynt of suppresion, and namly be out duellaris the burgh, vnder the pane of law to be execute vpon the brekaris of this statute, but fauour and of the vnlaw to be rasit vnforgevin.

15*th April*, 1484.

In the court haldin be the ballies of Abirdene, in the tolbuithe, the xv dai of Aprile forsaid, it was ordanit be ane assise, and forbiddyn that, in tyme comming, Johne the Rosse, baxter, sall bere na wauppynis vnder nicht, sic as ane swerd, or vthir fensabil wauppynnis, for certain causes considerit be thaim, vndir the pain of tynsale of his fredom, bot gif he be chargit be the officiars. And for the said Johne the Ross, William Futhes is becumin law burgh that William Vmfray salbe vnscathit in tym cuming, vtherwayes than as law will. And the said William Vmfray has fundin Thom. Sympson law bergh for him, that the said Johne the Rosse salbe scathles in likewise. Attour the assise hes ordanit that gif it happynnis the said Johne the Rosse, in tyme tocum, to forfaute aganis

William Vmfra, or his broudre Maistre William, like as he hes done of before, that he sall pay v merkis to Sanct Nicholace wark, and that he sall do alsmekil sted and seruice to tham, as he has done tham grevans, &c. 15th April. 1484.

4th May, 1484.

The iiij day of May, anno lxxxiiij^to.^ Maistre Johne Gray, mason, was resauit be the alderman, baillies, counsale, and communite of the burgh of Aberdene, in maistre of wark, to the bigging of Sanct Necolace wark, quhilk has takin upon him to be continuale labourand and diligent for the vpbringing of the said wark, and to do al car concerning the said wark that accordis til a maister of wark, baith in labouring of his awyn persoun, devysing, be seyng and ourseyng of vtheris masons and warkmen that sal be vnder him, for al the dais of his lif, to the finale completing and ending of the said wark, at al his possibilite and power, the best wyse that he can. For ye quhilkis thingis to be done he has, in presence of the baillies, counsale, and communite forsaidis, gevin the gret bodely aith, to be lele and trew to the said wark for al the dais of his life, vnto the completing and ending of the same. And the said maister of wark sal labour him self, and ger vtheris masons and warkmen vndar him labour daily and continualy, efter the act of parliament made thairupon. For the quhilkis labouris and seruice, to be done be the said Maister of wark, the saidis alderman, baillies, counsale, and communite, has promittit to gif yerly to the said maister of wark, for his fie, twenty pundis and fyve merkis, til a propyne in al costage endurand al the dais that he has to lif, quhil the said wark be complete. And the day of his entra to the said wark the day of this present write. And this said some of xxiij lib. xvi s. viij d. yerly, to be pait til him at four termes in the yere, proporcionaly, as thai and he sal accord best thairupoun.

16*th July*, 1484.

The xvj dai of July, yer lxxxiiij, the consel and diuerse of the communite: that is to say, Alexander of Chamer, Alexander Menzes, James Lesly, Wilzam Blindsel, Alexander Marr, Maister Andro Cadiow, Andro Culan, Thom. Prat, Adam of Craufurd, Alex. Forbes, John Glenmaluin. Wilzam Malisson, Andro Branche, Walter Achneve, Johne Menzes, Johne More, Gilbert Lethe, Patrik Adamson, Andro Goldsmyth, and vtheris, has feit Richert Ancram, mason, to Sanct Nicolace wark for a yer, for

16th July, 1484. twenty merkis of fee, fra the day that Dauid Menzes pait him the henderend of his fee of xx lib. that he was feit for the yer bigane, and thai half ordanit the ten merkis that suld be gevin for Alexander Howison to be pait til the said Richert Ancram in his fie.

19*th November*, 1484.

The samyn dai, William Kempty, constabil of Abirdene, comperand in jugement, has made, constitute, and ordanit, Alexander of Chavmer, seriand be the deliuering of a wand, his deput and substitute, to ministre in the said office of constablanary, for a yer next to cum, like as he suld do in propir persoune.

25*th May*, 1487.

Item, the saide day, it was statut and ordanit be the aldirman, balzeis, and certan of consal present for the tyme, that no catall sale haf pastour of gyrss apone the lynkis, nor nane vthir place one this syde of Gilhamstone, except the flessouris wederis, and thai to be poundaris, and to haf j d. for ilkan best that thai fynd thar.

13*th November*, 1487.

The xiii day of Nouember, the yer forsaide, efter the belman had passit throu the haile toune, be oppin premonicioun chargeand the haile consale and communite to comper within thair tolbuitht to heir our souerane lordis letteris, and gif ther ansuer thairvpon, Comperit Schir Johne Ruderfurde of Tarlane, knycht, alderman of the said burghe, and thair producit and schew ane letter of oure souerane lordis vnder the signet, and his subscriptione as efter followis: James, be the grace of God King of Scottis, to the consaile and communitie of oure burghe of Aberdene greting: Forsamekil as it is schewin to ws that our letteris ar direkit chargeand a gret part of you to compeir befor ws and our consal, within xv dais, for a debate of the office of aldermanschip of our said burghe, clamit be Dauid Menzeis, quhilk office, as we vnderstand, ye haue gevin for the defence of your commoun profit to our louet fameliar seruitour Schir John of Ruderfurd of Terlane, knicht; ande the said Dauid Menzes hes maid a complaint til vs on that behalf of you the haile body of the toune, sayand, that the said Schir Johne is a masterfull oppressour of our liegis, ande for his oppressione thar may nay mercheante

live within oure said burghe; ande that he has nocht the said office with your consent, bot be electioun of a few simpill personis, his kynnismen, quhilkis thingis, gif thai be infirmat of verite, ar richt displesand, for our mind was, and is, that our saide seruitour haue the saide office for the guid reule and commoun profit of oure saide burghe. Our will is heirfor, and we charge' you stratlie, and commandis that ye, incontinent thir our letteris sene, pass togidder to your tolbuitht, and avisitly havande E [eye] to the commone profit of our said burgh, consider and tak knawlege of the said informacione maide apon our saide servitoure your alderman, with vtheris informacionis as salbe schawin be him to you, gif thai be maid of verite, and of your mynd and will, or nocht, And thereftir that ye send your mynde til ws, close vnder your selis or vnder autentywe instrumentis tharapoune, saythat we ma provid for gude reule and governance of our saide burghe in tyme to cum, and mak the tresspassouris and contraris of the common profit of the samyn, to be pvnist as accordis of justice, certifying yow that, be informatione made til ws be our seruitour and knicht forsaide, vpone diuerse thingis that ar done contrar the commone profit of our saide burghe, we wil mak the samyn to be reformit, and the priuilege of our said burghe to be obseruit and kepit in tyme cuming; and, in the meyne tyme that ye and ilk ane of you, answer and obey to our said seruitour as your alderman in all thingis, and to the bailzeis chosin with him as ye dide obefoir as ye will answer to ws thervpone, and vnder the hieist pane and charge that efter may follow, nochtwithstandin our vtheris letteris gevin in the contrar abefoir, Ande thir oure letteres be you sene, vnderstandin, and deuly execut, deliueris them togidder with with your autentik ansueir, to the said Schir Johne the berar. Gevin vnder our signet, at Edinburghe, the v day of November, and of our regne the xxviij yer. James R. And efter the said letter wes oppinly rede, herde, seyne, and vnderstandyne, thir personis vnder wrytin, that is to say, Robert Blinsel, Iohn of Knollis, Master Andro Cadiow, Jhone Wormet, William Aberdour, Robert Prat, Richard Hile, John Glenmaluyn, Robert of Buchan, Jhon Mar, Richard Hill younger, Dauid Kintor yonger, Johne Fechat, Alexander Scrogis, Androw Murray yonger, Thome Simsone, Richard of Cullen, Johne Menzes, William Hay, William Quelp, William Moir elder, Jhone of Kintor, Androw Goldsmith, Thome of Waus, Jhone Senclar, Alexr. Rolland, tollar, William Dumbrek, Symon Gardyne, George Brone, Johne Grege,

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13th Nov., 1487. Donald Strathachin, Robert Craige, Dauid Prat, Alexr. Gray, William Andersone yonger, Jhone Blak, William Vmfray, Thome Sadillar, Henry Berne, Thome Gladistane, Robert Evinsone, William Nory, William Dauisone, Dauid Spens, Willam Sprout, William Scharp, Thome Litstar, Sandy Alanson, Patrik Adamson, William Verty, Alexr. Rolland, Jhone Fechat, Edmon Hay, William Gray, Wil. Ranisone, Ranald Talzeour, Thome Hatmaker, Robert Quhit, Patrik Clerk, Thomas Fif, William Kintor, Jhone Stevinson, Patrik Andersone, Wil. Giffarde, Dauid Hile, Dauid Symsone, Robert Slesser, Thome of Narne, Androw Murray elder, Robert Kyntor, James of Kennerty, Gilbert Moreson, William of Tullideff, Richard Litstar, William Fywe, Duncan Lammyngtone, Sandy Talzeour, Jhone Thomsone, William Philp, Duncan Smitht, Sandy Baxter, Robert Auchterless, Androw Audene, Sandy Logy, Dauid Tailzeour, James of Kyntor, Andrew Ancroft, James Kennerty younger, Jhone Atkinsone, Moris Byssat, Duncane Straloche, Thome Jamesone, an Robert Club, James Crab, Johne Waus, Johne of Buchan, Wate of Auchnef, Matho Glenmaluyn, and Jhone of Lundoris, auisitly deliuerit, the saide Schir Johne being removit, that thai gaf neuere power, command, nor commissione to Dauid Menzeis, na to nane vtheris, to gif ony bill of complaint, nor to mak sic senister informatioune in thair name til our souerane lord, nor his lordis of consale, apone the said Schir Jhone Ruderfurde, declarand the said relatione nocht trew. And attour thai declarit and schew that the said Schir Jhone maid nane oppressione within the said burghe apone nay man.

31*st* *May*, 1488.

The samyn day, the aldirman and consaile forsaid, with avise of the curat and collectour, and pairt of the communite, and vtheris chaplannis for vphauldin and augmentacione of devyne seruice in ye queir of Abirdene, has gevin and grauntit to Androw Coupar the haile clerkschip of the Castalgate of the said burghe, with al fredomes, comoditeis, asiamentis, profitis, and deviteis, aucht and wont, perteninye, or may pertene thairto, with the pertinence in during the tovnis will, for his continuale gude seruice in the said queir, at al his possibilite and pouer to be done as efferis. To the quhilk the said Androw is bundyne be the fatht of his body, and to reman and nocht remoyf fra tham but thar licence. And for his remaning, Williame Coupar, his fadir, is becomyne souertie be

his hande. And efteruart, the tone to amend and ek him of his fee, quhen he cumis tile age, efter his gude seruice. 31st May, 1488.

The samyne day, the aldirman and consale forsaid, with avise of the curat ande collectour, ande part of the communite, ande vtheris chaplannis, for the vphauldin ande augmentatione of devyne seruice in the queir of Abirdene, hes gevin and grauntit to Sandy Vocat the prayour bell, witht ale fredomes, comoditeis, asiamentis, profitis, ande deviteis, aucht and wont. The said Alexander ryngand the said bel daly, at the houris of twelf at noone and sex at evyne, as vse is, for al Cristyne saulis, ande doing seruice in the queir at his gudly possibilite.

The said day, the alderman and consal forsaid, with avise of the curat and collectour, and pairt of the communite, and vthiris chaplannis for vphaldin and augmentacione of divyne seruice in the queyr of Abirdene, has gevin ande grauntit to Richart Boyle, thar ald servitor, the haile clerkschipis of the Gallougate ande Gastraw of the saide burghe, with all fredomes, comoditeis, asiamentis, profitis, and deviteis, aucht and wont pertening or may pertene thairto, with all pertinence, for al the dais of his lywe, the saide Richart doing continuale gude seruice in the saide queir at al his possibilite and pouer as efferis, to the quhilk he is oblist be the faith of his bodie.

12*th September*, 1489.

The xii day of September, the yer forsaid, the alderman, ballieis, consale, and communitie, gathreyt, grauntit and consentt, be thair aithis, to thir artikilis and opinionis vnder writin, subscriuit with diuerse lordis and baronis handis. In the first, quhar our souerane lorde was slayne, and nay punicion maide tharfor apone the treasonabile vile personis that putt thair handis violentlie on his mast nobile persoune, quhais saule God assolze, to be for pvnicioun of thay tresonabile personis committaris of the saide slauchter. Secundly, for the reformacione of the misgouerance of our souerane lordis tresour and dispositione of his heritage, menesand his auctorite and crovne, and als for the remeide and souerte of our souerane lordis mast nobile persone, and of our lordis his brether, and inlikuase his tresour, strincates, and artalzery, to be putt in souer and comptabile mennys handis, to the vtilite and profit of our souerane

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lord and his successouris, be the avise and consal of the thre estatis. Asua, that all ransomis tane be ony maner of mane of ony of the kingis lieges, spirituale or temporale, be restorit and gevin agane. And asua that his lawis and justice be ministerit throu his realme to all his lieges equaly, according to the plesance of Gode, commone profit of the realme and lieges, and grantit thar commone sele thairapone.

16*th June*, 1490.

The said day, it was deliuerit be a sworne assise, Dauid Mar forspekar, that Christane Lilburne sall cum in presence of the alderman, balyeis, and the haile court, and on hir kneis ask Schir Johne Streweling forgifnes for the strublance of him vnder silence of nycht, openly glammerand him, saiand scho sald ger banys the said Schir John out of this toune, quhilk the said Schir Johne wald nocht haf sastenit for j^e^ crounis, and atour for part of assithment of the said blasfemmy ,the said Cristian sall cum on Sonday nixt to the hie altar in Sanct Nicholes kirk, and proffer j lib. of wax in hir hand to the said Schir John, at hie mestim, in presons of the hail pepill, at the will of the said Schir John ; and atour gif the said Cristian beis convictit in tim to cum for strublance of the said Schir Johne, or of ony vtheris famouse personis, the said Cristian sall pay to Sanct Nicholes wark x merkis, at the will of the alderman, and the consale of the toune, and of the party, the said x mercis vnforgiffin, togidder with ane sufficient amendis till the party.

11*th February*, 1492.

The saide day, the aldirman sett, and to ferme layit to Jonhne of Chamer, the Sondais fische and the mettis pertening to Sanct Nihcoles for this yer, sichk as he hed it obefor, the said Johne is oblist be his handis, landis, and gudis to content and pay to the alderman, or master of Sanct Nicholes werk, thre b[arrels] of salmond, thairof twa b[arrels] at Mydsomir next herefter, and j b[arrel] at Lammes thairefter.

[List of the Town's Charters.]

Inprimis, in a box of the selling of the toune of the crois, sald be Johne Banerman to the toune of Abirdene.

Item, a charter of Johne Banerman of Ailsik to the saide Johne Banerman, made of the crois, sald til him fer vij^xx^ merkis.

Item, a plane charter of Johne Banerman of Ailsik selland the same toun til the toune of Aberdene. 11th February. 1492.

Item, a confirmation of the saidis charteris.

Item, a charter of the kingis of the same toune.

Item, a charter of Sanct Lowrens and Sanct Ninianis altar.

Item, a lettre, vnder the kingis gret seil, to eschete al wol, hide, and skyn that gais oute of the fredome.

Item, a lettre of the changing of the fayr fra the Trinite day to Sanct Michalis day *de monte tvmba*, vnder the kingis gret seil.

Item, a lettre, vnder the sam seil, of the freing of the custum of lenterwar, futevel, and other sic.

Item, a charter of the assedacion of the burghe of Aberdene, in few-ferme, vnder King Robertis gret seil. Item, ane vther in the same form.

Item, a charter of King Alexr. of the market, and vtheris fredomis grantit to the toun of Aberdene.

Item, a charter of King Robert of the landis of Rubbislaw, and of the Deneburne, of the infeftment made til Andro of Insture.

Item, a charter of King Robert of assise of the ail, and of fisch, rede and quhite.

Item, a charter of King Robert of the keping of the forest of the Stocket, with the pertinentis.

Item, a charter of King Wilzam, that the communite of Aberdene sal be fre of the tol of thare catall in all merkatis and faris to landwart. Item ane vther in the same forme.

Item, a charter of King Robert approvand al fredomis and richtis that the burges and communite of Aberden was infeft with of before, with power to tak, preson, and punyse, al thaim that cumis armyt within the said burgh again the kingis statutis. Item, ane vther in the same form.

Item, a charter of the same king, of licence to big ane tolbuthe.

Item, a protection of King Alexander of the burgh and burges of Aberdene.

Item, a letter of King Dauid, that Bischop Alexander of Aberdene renuncit all procissis made be him anent the tendis of the mylnys of Aberdene.

Item, a charter of King James the Third, of ane discharge of the custum of salmound to the burges of Aberdene.

11th February, 1492.

The saide day, the alderman, and thir personis of consale vnder writtin: that is to say, Robert Blinsel, Jhone of Knollis, Thomas Prat, Alex. Rede, Johne Wormet, Androw Culane elder, Alex. Chamer younger, Thomas Fyfe, Androw Branche, Williame Blinsele, Johne Blak, Dauid Prat, Androw Murray elder, Robert Crage, and Williame Kintor, grantit, for plesour of our souerane lorde, and honour of the toune, to gif in propine to oure sourane lorde this tyme at his cumyne, in wyne and crovnis, in wax tene crovnis, and tene crovnis in spice; and has ordaynit the balzeis to gif aquitance vnder thair selis of the watter malys and landis, for the paiment of the saide xxx^{ti} crovnis, vnto the tyme the alderman, balzeis, and consale, efter the kingis passage, sytt, se, and consider quhar the saide some may be gottyne of the commone gudis of the said burghe to the frethn of the saide malys, sua that the kingi and the lordis may be pait, sene the said propine is gevyn in the nayme of the haile toune.

11*th August*, 1493.

The thingis grantit to the reformacioun of the queir.

The saide day, all and sondrie the personis vnderwritin, has oblist thame thar ayris, executouris, and assignais, be the fathis of thar bodiis, in the souerast wyse of obligacioun, on thar awne free will, motyve, benevolence, and mynd, in the honour of Almyghtie God, the blyssit Virgine Mary, Sanct Nicholess, patrone to this burghe, and thame and ale sanctis, for the remissione of thar demeritis, &c., to content, refunde, and pay thankfullie, but impediment demavnd, to the alderman, balzeis, or master of kirk wark for the tyme of this burghe, the somes of gudis and money vnder writin, to the bying of the leid and ale vther stuff convenient for the queir of thare paryse kirk of Aberdne, and to the reperalinge and reparacioun of the samyn: that is to say, Alexander Rede, alderman, ane barrel of salmonde; Alexander Chamer, ane barrele of salmond; Alexander Menzes, j barrel of salmond and j^{c} lentrindoer; Robert Blinsale, j barrel salmond and xviij s.; Dauid Menzes, ane barrele of salmond; Johne Colisane, ane barrel salmond; Thomas Prat, ane barrel of salmond; Johne Culan, ane barrel salmond; Androw Culan, elder, d. barrel salmond; Androw Branche, d. barrel salmond; David Mar, v s.; Alexander Mar, ane barrel of grvlse or salmond; David Matheson, d. barrel salmond; Johne Wormet, ane barrel salmond; Androw Murray elder, d. barrel salmond; William Andersone elder, j quarter of j^{c} lamskinnis; Alexander Nathty, v s.;

Williame Nicholsone, v s.; Jonhe Guge, j d. barrel salmonde; Thomas Mar, d. barrel salmond; Alexander Angosone, vi s. and j dusan futfale; Johne Lammyntone, v s., or j quarter of j^c lentrinvair; Richard Hill zonger, ij dusane lentrinvair; Johne Moir, x s.; Androw Culan, d. barrel salmond and j^c lentrinvair; William Goldsmicht, v s.; Dauid Theman, v s.; Androw Waus, v s.; Jonhne Waus, d. barrel grilss; Richard Litstar, v. s.; Dauid Spens, d. barrel salmond; William Couper, v s.; Robert Ovinsone, j dusan of futfale; William Murray, j dusan futuale; Thomas Chapman, j dusan futuale; William Moir, j dusan of lentrinware; Thome Gerdnar, ij s.; Alexander Prat, j dusane of futuale; Alexander Talzeour, in Futye, ij s.; Androw Lousane, v s.; Cristy Prat, v s.; Donald Baxtar, xii d.; William Cuming, xii d.; Murtho Blak, ij dusan lentrinvair; Thome Smythe, xii d.; Ionhne Tulibo, j quarter of j^c lentrinvar; Androw Smyth zonger, xii d.; Johne Williamsone, j dusan futuale; Androw Smyth, ij s.; Ionhne Lindoris, iij s.; Androw Hall, xii d.; James Smyth, xii d.; Robert Flesser, j dusan futuale; Johne Loremar, xviij d.; Will. Gray, talzour, xii d.; Iohne Annane, j dusan futuale; William Philp, j quarter of j^c lentrinvair; Alexander Talzour, xii d.; William Ranisone, iiij s.; Richard Baxtar, ij s.; Johne Selby, j dusan lentrinvair; Jonhne Low, smyth, xviij d.; Alexander Malisone, j dusan lentrinvair; Patrik Baxtar Nicholsone, xxx d.; Johne Sanclar, xl d.; Alexander Crage, iij s.; Alane Litstar, xx^tj s.; Thome Matland, ij s.; Thomas Waus, d. barrel grilse; Richard Waus, d. barrel grilss; Thomas Menzes, d. barrel grilss; Mathow Branche, d. barrel salmond; Alexander Myrtone, j dusan futuale; Ionhne Retie, d. barrel salmond; Walter Atkin, iiij s.; William Wormet and his moder, j barrel salmond; William Blinsel, di. barrel salmond; Lindesay Harvalde, x s.; Jonhe Kintor, iii s.; Alexander Chamer the sone, d. barrel salmond; Ionhne Blak, at the Key, xx s.; Richerd Hill elder, v. s.; Dauid Murray, x s.; Eduard Top, v s.; Patrik Rede, d. barrel salmond; Alexander Chamer of Murthill, j barrel salmond for my lord of Arbrothoc; the Widow of Dauid Colisone, j barrel of salmond; Thomas Meldrum, v s.; Androw Watsone, ij dusan of lentrinvar; Sir Jonhne Ruthirfurd, j barrel salmond; Duncane Smytht, v s.; George Byssat, d. barrel salmond; Gilbert Litster, v s.; Dauid Steuane, d. marce; Robert Crage, j barrel salmond. Ego Villelmus Morison curatus fateor me debentem vnam barellam salmonum teste manu propria Robert Moir d. marce infra annua- 11th August, 1493.

11th August, 1493. tim Johannes Menzeis d. barelle salmonum. James Gordone, iij^{xx} futuale; Androw Ancroft, d. barrel salmond; Henry Rede, v s.; Thomas Glenmaluyn, j dusane of futuale; William Gerreache, j prevyse last fraucht for gif thai fraucht his schipe, falzeing thairof d. barrel salmond; William Lyntone, iiij s.; Gilbert Menzes, d. barrel salmond; Dauid Blinsel, d. barrel salmond; Gilbert Riburne, d. marce; Johannes Blak, in vico castri, d. barrel grilse; Adam Culane, d. barrel salmond; Duncan Collison, d. barrel grilss; Johne Duncansone in Banf, d. barrel salmonum; Alexander Gray, xviij s.; Jacobus Colison, d. barrel salmond and xxv s.; Willelmus Colp, d. barrel salmond; Willelmus Kintor, d. barrel salmond; Dauid Kintor, j barrel salmond; Willelmus Porter, d. barrel grilss; Patricius Leslie, x s.; Johannes Anderson, ij dusan futuale; Johannes Thomsone, d. barrel gulse; Jacobus Crage, v s.; Richardus Wricht, labores pro octo diebus; Willelmus Wricht, pro octo diebus labores; Willelmi Skipper, v s.; Patricius Chernside, d. barrelle salmonum; Willelmus Buchane, v s.; Thomas Litiljohne, v s.; Alexander Mathesone, d. [barrel] salmond; Willelmus Lamyrton, ij s.; Sy^{d} Smolt, xii lentrinvar; Willelmus Torne, xii lentrinvar; Alexander Hay, xii lentrinvar; Androw Williamson, ij s.; Sy^{d} Gardin, v s.; Jacobus Gourlay, v s.; Androw Law, xii futuale; Thomas Philp, ij s.; Dauid Strachin, iiij s.; Walterus Vaus, iij s. and xii futuale; Johannes Chepman, v s.; Duncanus Porter, xxx^{ti} d.; Robertus Ouchterless, ij s.; Willelmus Finguss, xii futuale; Petras Futhes, xii futuale; Andreas Sthevinson, xii futual vel valorem; Andreas Body, xii lentrinvar; Johannes Talzour filius; Dauid Talzour, xii lentrinvar; Johannes Stevin, iij s.; Henry Bavne, iij s.; Thomas Hatmalin, ij s.; Johannes Murray, ij dusan lintrinvar; Donaldus Strathin, v s.; Patricius Clerk, iij s.; Andreas Litster, ane cow; Alexander Chamer in Schipraw, iij s.; James Crak, iiij s.; Wat Philpson, xii futual; Andreas Murray, x s.; Alexander Sanchar, j pece leide; Johannes Rede, wobster, iij s.; Syme Richersone, ij s.; Wat Careache, ij s.; Duncan Hatmalin, xii d.; Andreas Hatmalin, xii d.; Andreas Iohnston, xii lentrinvar; William Stil, xii lentrinvar; Robertus Walcer, xii d.; Johannes Sadlar, xii d.; Forsy Davison, j dusan lentrinvar; Thome Watsone, xx lentrinvar; Johannes Achneyve, ij s.; Johannes Logy, xii d.; Jacobus Kinnerty, j lib. wax; Dauid Beuerlay, ij s.; Johannes Robertson zonger, j dusan lentrinvar; Johannes Rede, ij s.; Johannes Watsone, ij s.; Thome Wodman, xii futuale;

Alexander Ranisone, ij s.; Will. Harper and Mage Still, d. barrel grilse. 11th August, 1493.

27*th August*, 1493.

The saide day, comperit ane richt nobile and honorabile mane, Alexander Iruyne of Drvm, in presence of the court, for carnale affection and resonabile causis concerning him, gaff, grantit, and assignit be ane gluff to Dauid Irwyne, his sone, gottin betuix him and vmquhile Nannys Menzeis, quhom God assolze, ale and hale his gudis beand within the landis of Coule, that is to say, xx^{ti} oxin, and five chalder of malt fermes yerlie, togidder with assignation of the tak, for all the dais of the said Dauidis lyve, and thre hundreth wederis, being within the Fortrie in Buchane to sustene him at the scolis, as in the instrumentis takin tharapon mair fullely is contenit; befor thir witnes Alexr. Burnat of Leis, Alexr. Burnat, his sone, and apperynge ayr, Thomas Prat, Androw Murray elder, Thomas Mar, William Blinsele, Johne Skene, Richard Rutherfurde, Mathow Branche, Thomas Menzeis, Lawrence of Cravmonde, Gilbert Ross, Johne Robertsone in Taruas, Philp Dumbrek, and Schir Johne Striveling.

The samyn day, Alexander Iruyne of Drvm assignit, gaf, and gravntit for resonable causes concerning him, til Alexr. Iruyne, his sone, gottin betuix him and vmquhile Nannys Menzeis, ale and haile his gudis beand in Kinharroquhe, that is to say, the corne, xxxiiij oxin, and thre hundreth yowis, togidder with the assignation of the said tak for the termes of the said Alexanderis of Drvm, be ane gluff, to sustene him at the Scolis, as in the instrumentis takin tharapone mair fullie is contenit; befor the said witnes and notar.

The said day, Alexr. Iruyn of Drvm, for carnale affection and resonable causis concerning him, gaff, grantit, and assignit be ane gluff to Johne Iruyn, his sone, gottin betuix him and vmquhile Nannys Menzeis, ale and hale his gudis, corne, oxin, and viij^{xx} youis, within the Cragtoune, togidder with the assignation of the said tak for his termes, as in the instrumentis takin therapon mair fullely is contenit; befor the said witnes and notar.

27th August, 1493.

The saide day, Alexr. Iruyn of Drum, for diuerse resonable causis concerning him, gaf, gravntit, and assignit till Agnes Iruyn, his dochter, gottin betuix him and vmquhile Nannis Menzeis, ale and haile his gudis, corne, oxin, and viij^{xx} youis, beinge in Dalmayok, togidder with xxiiij ky, and ane bull in Collangy, to opbring hir and mary her; befor the saide witnes and notar.

15*th November*, 1493.

The saide day, Alexander Stute, Thomas Barry, and Mathow Wricht, masonis, was conducit and hirit be the aldirman ande consale for ane yer to remane and abide in thar seruice, batht in the luge and vteuche, ande pass to Cowe, thar to hewe and wirk one thar avne expensis, for the stuf and bigyne of thar kirk werke, and thai haue sworne the gret bodely aithe to do thar saide seruice and werk for this yer, for the quhilkis thai sal pay to ilk ane of the saide masonis xx merkis vsuale money of Scotland alanerlie, but al accidents of brede.

22*d November*. 1493.

The saide day, the alderman, diuerse of the consaile and communite present, for the tyme, for the bigin, reformacioun, and vphauldin of thar commone knok in the tolbutht, grantit to Dauid Theman, goldsmytht, fourty s. of the thre buthis vnder the tolbutht, quhile the next generale assedacioun, and thane thai grantit him ane d. nethis fischingis of the furdis maile and gressome fre to him and his assignay, and ane mark of ane of the saide buthtis yerlie, and to be taxt fre, for the quhilkis the said Dauid and his assignay sale deulie bige, reforme, and vphald the saide knok be sicht of the tone as efferis.

28*th January*, 1494.

The saide day, the aldirmane, balzeis, consale, and communite, warnit be the hand bell throw the haile toune, gathreyt, and circualy inquerit be Philp Dumbrek, officiar, gravntit and oppinly schew that tha wald ayfaldly defende thair landis and heretage of the Stokat, batht with thair personis and gudis, at all thair possibilite, quhilkis is purchest be Androw Wod, as thai ar informit.

12*th May*, 1494.

28th January. 1494.

The saide dai, the haile consale, and communite warnit, and circualie inquerit, be Alexander Chamer, bailza, ilkane mane be himselff grantit, and opinly declarit that thai walde defende thar heretage, batht with thar personis and gudis, clamit and persevit be Androw Wode, and thir personis vnder writtin: that is to say, Alex. Rede, aldirman, Sir Johne Ruthyrfurd, Alex. Chemer the fadir, Alex. Menzeis, Dauid Menzeis, Johne Culane, John Colysone, Thomas Prat.

21*st May*, 1494.

The saide day, the aldirman, balzeis, consale, and communitie, gathreit be the premunicioun of the hand bell, grantit one thar aone fre wil to gif ane contribucioun of fourty merkis to the part of thar expensis that ar chosin to be commissaris to the defense of ther heretage, clamit be Androw Wode, thai beand circualy inquerit be Dauid Mar, balze, and Philp Dumbrek, serieandis, and thai chesit Gilbert Menzeis, William Futhes, Alex. Gray, Richerd Waus, and Johne Waus, to extent the said xl markis throw the haile tone, be thar athis and conscience, efter the faculte of thar gudis.

The said dai, the haill tone chesit Alexander Red, aldirman, Schir Johne Rudyrfurde of Tarlane, Alexander Chamer of Murthill, Alex. Menzeis, Johne Colisone, commissaris, to pass til Edinburghe, to defend thar heretage, clamit be Androw Wode, and ordanit ane commissione, vnder the commone sele, to be gevin to thame for that mater, and all vtheris summonce beand apone thair tone.

20*th June*, 1494.

Jacobus Dei gracia rex Scotorum etc. Omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos presentes litero peruenerint Salutem Sciatis nos quoddam actum et decretum per dominos nostri consilii inferius descriptos data et promulgata vtinam intellexisse sub hac forma. At Edinburgh, the xix day of Junii, yer of God ane thousande iiij^{c} nynty and four yeris, the lordis of consale vndir writtin: that is to say, maist reuerende and reuerend faderis in God, Robert Archbeschop of Glasgw, George Bischop of Dunkeldin; noble and mychtie lordis, Archibald Earle of Angouss, Chanceller of Scotlande,

20th June. 1494. Archibald Erle of Ergile, William Erle Marschiale, John Lord Glammys, Androw Lord Gray, William Lord Borthuik, Lawrence Lord Oliphant, Robert Lord Lile, Johne Lord Drummond, William Lord of Sancte Johannis; venerable faderis in God, George Abbot of Dunfermling, Robert Abbot of Kelso, George Abbot of Paslay; Mastir Richert Murked, Dene of Glasgw, and secretar to our soueraine lord; Maister Johne Fresale, Dene of Lesteirik, and clerk of the regester; Sir Duncan Forester, of Skypyng Kinge, comptrollar to our soueraine lorde; Johne Ogiluy, sone, and appering to James Lord Ogiluy of Arly; Schyr James Allerdes, Provost of our Lady kirk of the Heuch; and Maister Richert Lausoun; anent a terme assignit be a bill to the aldirman, bailzeis, and communite of Aberdene, to provid and schew sic richtis as thai wald wyse anent the clame of the forest of Stokat, and the Castell hill, and diuerse vtheris placis clamyt to pertene to our souerane lord. Our souerane lordis aduocat, and Androw Wod comperand for thar interesse, and the part of our souerane lorde, Alexander Red, alderman of Abirdene, and the procuratouris of the said toune beand present, the charter and infeftment maid to the said tovune be King Robert Broiss, of maist nobell mynde, at lenth seyne, hard, and vnderstandin, the lordis of counsall thairwith, riplie avisit, decretis, and deliueris that for ocht that thai haue zit sene the said alderman, balzes, and communitie, sal breuk, and joise the said burgh of Abirdene, with the pertinence as thai breukit abefor, because thai clamyt the said laundis and places be wertew of the said charter, ay and quhile thai be luachfullie put thairfra, and but prejudice of our souerane lordis richt. Extractum de libro actorum per me Johannin Fresale, decanum de Lestarik, clericum rotulorum et registri, ac consilii suppremi domini nostri regis sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus Quod quidem actum siue decretum ac omnia et singula in eodem contenta in omnibus suis punctis et articulis approbamus ratificamus et pro nobis et successoribus nostris ut promissum est confirmamus Datum sub testimonio magni sigilli nostri Apud Edinburgh vigesimo die mensis Junii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo quarto et regni nostri septimo.

11*th August*, 1494.

The saide day, the alderman, efter the warning of the haile tone be the hand bell, and opinly warnit and chargit ale and sindrie burges and in-

duellaris of this burghe betuix sexty and sextene yeris to be ready weile abilzet for weir, with xl days wittal, to pass to the kingis hienes efter the tenour of the proclamatioun be our souerane lordis lettres maid thairvpone. 11th August. 1494.

10*th October*, 1494.

The saide day, Alexr. Rede, alderman, this yer bygane, and Androw Culan yonger, ane of the balzeis, presentit and deliuerit to the alderman and bailzeis in the court thair acquitance vnder wrytin, that is to say, an acquitance of the Lord Erskene of j^c lib.; acquitance of the Duk of Montrose of xl merkis; acquitance of xx^ti merkis of the Covntas of Crafurd; acquittance of xxvi merkis of the blak freris; acquittance of x merkis of the quhit freris; acquitance of v lib. of the lard Drum, for wtheris ayris; acquitance of v lib. of Grantuly; fra the collectouris of Old Aberdene xx s. for barbouris obeytis; acquitance of v merkis of Orknay, and ane acquitance of v lib. of Orknay; and acquitance of xiij merkis of the comptrollar; quhilkis the common clerk lokit in the commoun kyst incontinent at the commawnde of the saide alderman and balzeis.

29*th March*, 1495.

James, be the grace of God kinge of Scottis, til our louet Richard Macdonele, maser, our schiref in that part specialie constitute, greting: Forsamekil as now of late our trast cosing ande chancellar, Archibalde Erle of Anguse, passit, and in our name componit ande appointit with the provestes, aldermene, bailzeis, and communiteis of our burrowis vnder writtin, for thir sonmes of money efter following, to be inbroche and pait to ws be thame, siclik as vtheris the prelatis, baronis, and burrowis of our realme, dois for expedicioun of gret materis, concerning ws, the commone weile of our realme and lieges, in great nernesse: that is to say, our burche of Aberdene, tua hundrethe pundis; Montrose, fyfty pundis; Dunde, tua hundrethe and fyfty pundis; Brechin, xxx lib.; Forfair, xx merkis; Aberbrothoc, xxx lib.; Pertht, j^c fyfty lib.; Couper, fyfty lib.; and the cietie of Sanct Androwis, j^c lib. Our will is heirfor, and we charge you straitlie and commandis that ye, incontinent thir our letteris sene, pass to ale the saidis burrowis, ciete, and townis aboue wryttin; and, in our nayme and

29th March, 1495.

autorite, command and charge the provestes, aldermen, bailzeis and communiteis of the samyn, that thai incontinent thankfully pay and deliuer to yow, in our name, the soumes of money aboue writtin, ilk towne for thair awne parte lik as thai promitht to oure said chancellar one our behalfe, to be inbroche be you to ws, to the effect aboue writtin; and, failzeing of the paiment of the saidis soumes promitht be thame, as said is, that ye recognis in our handis the fredomes of the saidis burrowis and ciete, chargeing the communiteis and inhabitantis tharof that thai wyse nay thing belanging the fredome of the samyne, or recognition standing therapone, and quhile the saides soumes be pait vnder all the hiest paine and charge that efter may follow. And thir our letteris be you deuly execut and indorsit, bringis thame togidder with the said soumes to ws. Gevin vnder our signet, at Edinburghe the xxix day of Marche, and of our regne the sevint yeir.

10*th April*, 1495.

The saide day, certane personis vnder writin, of thar avne fre will has lent and deliuerit this money efter folling, to pay Jonhe Ferdour for the making of the ruff and tymmir of the queyr, and the money resauit fra the personis that happinnis to haue takis of the tone at the next assedatioun, sal be allouit in thar gersomis; and the personis that gettis nay takis sal haue thar money of the haill tone at the fest of Sanct Androw in winter next herefter. Thir ar the personis: In the first, lent be Alexander Chamer elder, xl s.; Robert Blinsel, xl s.; Androw Murray elder, xl s.; Alexander Chamer the sone, xl s.; Androw Culan yonger, xl s.; Dauid Adamsone, xx s.; Dauid Spens, xx s.; Philip Dunbrek, xviij s.; Johne Thomsone, xv s.; Patrik Leslie, xxiij s. iiij d.; Willam Nicholsone, xx s.; Dauid Mathesone, xl s.; John Wormet, xl s.; Androw Branche, xxxvj s.; Robert Crage, xl s.; William Gereache elder, xx s.; William Anderson elder, xx s.; Thome Leslie, xx s.; Androw Ancroft, xx s.; James Craik, xx s.; Johne Menzeis, xxvj s. viij d.; Androw Cullan, elder, xviij s.; Richard Lul zonger, xxiij s. iiij d.; Johne Grege, thre lib.; Alexander Nathty, x s.; Alexander Gray, xl s.; William Wormet, xx s.; Thome Waus, xx s.; Johannes Retye, xxx s.; Alexander Mathesone, xx s.; Alexander Menzeis, xl s.; Johne Culan, xl s.; Bessy Blinsele, xx s.; Richard Hil elder, xl s.; Richard Waus, xx s.; Patrik Chernsid, xx s.;

Johne Moir, xx s.; Will. Goldsmith, xx s.; Alexander Mar, xl s.; George Bysset, xl s.; Duncan Colison, xx s.; Robert Cullan, xx s.; James Colison, xx s.; Allan Litster, xx s.; Johne Waus, xx s.; summa huius, lxii lib. v s. and iiij d. 10th April. 1495.

The xviii day of Marche, the yer forsaid, it was ordanit be the alderman, ballieis and consale, that thare salbe gevin to our souerane In xxiii [?] in wyne, xix of patoune [?] iiii lib. 10 s., xii lib. skorcheatis, xxxvi s. In wax, v pieces, price v lib. su^cc^ xii lib.; and xl s. in wax, wyne, and spice to the Erle of Bothuale, to be takin of ther commone gudis of the malis of the Witsonday terme to cum, sa far as it will extend to.

5th July, 1495.

The fift day of July, the yer forsaide, thir personis vnder writtin: that is to say, Willeame Gareauche elder, Williame Blinsel, Dauid Spens, Johne Thomsone, Thomas Meldrum, Alane Litstar, and Alex. Prat, was chosen, and sworne the gret aithis, till taxt and extent be thair conscience and aithis throw the haill tone fywe schillingis and iiij d. ilkan day, for the space of ane monetht, to the sustentacioun of aucht Inglismen of the Duk of Yorkis, direkit to the toune be our souerane lordis hienes, and his letteris therapone; and also to extent fiwe merkis to Alex. Menzes, for to pass to our souerane lorde to recouer licence to the toune to remain at hame fra the weir, to defende the toune fra our aul inemyis of Ingland, and for the recompensing of the labouris done be him at the last parliament in the presenting of the commissione, &c.

9th September 1495.

The saide day, Alex. Menzeis, Robert Blinsele, Jouhne Cullane, Alexr. Corde, Thomas Prat, Gilbert Menzeis, Andro Cullan zonger, Dauid Mathesoun, Alexr. Gray, and Williame Futhes, was chosin and suorne the greite aithes, be the consale and communite, warnit and gathreit be premunicioun of the hand bell, thro the haill tone tile extent i^c^ lib [ ] the haill tone to be gevin in ane propin till our soverane lordis hienes for his gude grace of licence gevin to ws to reman at hame fra the passage in Ingland, in fortifieing and supleing of the prince of Ingland, Richard Duk of York.

11th Dec., 1495.

11th December, 1495.

Copia litere regie.

Jacobus Dei gratia rex Scotorum Omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos presentes litere peruenerint Salutem Sciatis quia intelleximus quod burgenses et mercatores burgi nostri de Aberdene quam magna dampna et incommoda hactenus perpessi sunt ob exportacionem lane pellium et corriorum extra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene in contrarium priuilegiorum et libertatis dictorum burgensium in fraudem nostre magne custume dicti burgi Nos igitur attendentes et perpendentes infrictionem dicte libertatis et huiusmodi dampna nostra et dictorum nostrorum burgensium Commisimus et tenore presentium committimus preposito balliuis et burgensibus dicti burgi nostri qui pro tempore fuerint eorumque deputatis liberam facultatem et plenariam potestatem eschaetandi et ad vsum nostrum appropriandi et capiendi huiusmodi bona lanas pelles corria sic extra dictum vicecomitatum dicti burgi abducta seu imposterum forsitan abducenda absque solucione nostre custume de quibus quidem bonis eschaetatis concessimus et tenore presentium concedimus dictis preposito balliuis et burgensibus burgi nostri de Abirdene dimidietatem eschaete eorundem pro eorum laboribus sumptibus et expenssis faciendis circa eorum eschaetationem aliam vero dimidietatem dicte eschaete ad nos importare et de eisdem bonis annuatim nostro scaccario compotum reddere tenebuntur prepositus et balliui burgi supradicti prout litere potestati quondam carissimi et nobilissimi cui nostri dictis preposito balliuis et burgensibus prius desuper confectis in se plenius proportant et testantur Quare vniuersis et singulis ligeis et subditis nostris quorum interest vel interesse poterit stricte precipiendo mandamus quatenus dicti preposito balliuis et burgensibus dicti burgi eorumque deputatis ministris et seruitoribus in omnibus et singulis eschaetacionem dictorum bonorum concernentibus et deportacionem eorundem ad vsus nostros vt premittitur prompte respondeant pareant et intendant Et quod incontrarium presentium nullatenus deuenire presumant temporibus pro futuris sub omni pena quam erga nostram regiam incurrere poterint maiestatem presentibus pro nostra voluntate et deindi vsque ad nostram specialem reuocationem earundem duraturis Datum sub magno sigillo nostro apud Abirbrothoc vndecimo die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo quinto et regni nostri octauo.

3d February, 1496.

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The saide day, it was deliuerit be the alderman and consale present for the tyme, for the gret offense committit be Williame Belty agains Thomas Waus, that the said William sall offir and present his crag to the goyf, and his knyf in his hand, thar to stand at the wil of the said Thomas; and atour the said William salcum one Sonday that next comis, in the tyme of hie messe, in lynning claithis, bare lege, fute, and hede, with ane louse govne, and j candill of ane pond of wax in his hande, and his dravn knyf in his tother hand, offering the candill to haly kirk, and the knyf to the said Thomas, in takin of repentance of the said offence, asking the said Thomas and his frendis on his kneyes forgyvnes; and attour the said William sall pay half ane stane of wax to the haly blud licht; and atour, gyf euer the said Willame committis ony offense or strubulance to the said Thomas, or ony vtheris famouse personis in tyme to cum, and beis conuikit thairintill, he sall pay tene pundis to Sanct Nicholes wark vnforgevin; and to the fulfilling and keping of the deliuerance, the saide Williame and Thomas was oblist be the faithis of thar bodies thar hands vphaldin.

28th April, 1496.

The xxviij day of Aprile, the yer of God forsaid, Schir Johne Rutherfurde knicht, alderman, exponit and schew to the consal how the tone was vnder summonce be diuerse parties beseking thame to provide for expensis to the defense of the samyn, considerand thar commond gudis was exponit, and atour the alderman deliurit in his compt of his expensis of the termes of Mertimes bygane, and Witsonday next to cum, extending to xix lib. and j d.

8th May, 1496.

The viij day of May, the yer forsaid, the aldirman, bailzeis and consale present for the tyme at the Womanhill, for vphaldin of the auld louable consuetud, honour, consolacioun, and plesour of this burghe, lik as hes bene vsit in tymes of thar worthie and honourable progenitouris, chesit Thomas Leslie and Robert of Cullane, coniunctlie abbotis and priour of Bonacord, tile vyse and exerce the said office this instant yer, and grantit to pay thame v merkis of the common gudis this tyme tuelf moneth.

11th July, 1496.

The saide day, it was statut and ordanit be the alderman, balzeis, and

11th July. 1496. consall, for the commone profit and sayffty of the tone, that al fremen, burges of this burghe, compeir personalie one Monunday the xviij day of Julij instant, at the Cunneger hill, welbodin and abilzeit for weir in ther personis, ilk ane efter their faculte and degre, as efferis, ilk ane hevand ane spear or j bow, and ane targe, with wther defensabile wapins, the sper of v elne and d., efter the tenour of the kingis proclamatioun, and to remane within this burghe for the defense of the samyn, fra our ald inemyis of Ingland; and euere freman that falzeis and remanys nocht personalie within this burghe, sall pay viij s. ilkan day for his forfet, to furnist vther personis to the defense of the tone, vnforgevin.

7th June, 1497.

The saide day, William Stray, litster, Thomas Robertsone, Johne Munk, Johne Litstar, Andro Murray elder, and for him Dauid Murray, Robert Themdaile, and Edward Top, ilk ane of thame in ane amerciament of the court, because thai failzeit in the waching of the tone be thaime and thar seruandis, efter the tenour of the ak maid thairapone abefor, for the quhilkis ilkane of the saide persones sale pay to the halie blud licht j lib. of wax; Androw Murray, d. stane, and Johne Litstar, his mache ij lib.; and that thai pay the wax or thai pass out of the tolbuith, and ij s. ilkan persone to the balzeis for thair wnlaw, and thar seruandis to be put in the goif, thar to reman quhile vij houris efter noone, and nocht to be lousit out of the goif quhile the saide hour, for nay request.

11th June, 1497.

The saide day, it was thocht expedient, statutit, and ordanit be the alderman, balzeis, consale and communitee, for the sayftie of the towne and the resisting of the ald inemeis of Ingland, that ale the inhabitantis of this tone sall make thair fossis and bastalze as it is fondit in breid and lintht fra the southt hevin to the northt hevin, with help and supple of our masteris the chanonis; and that ane blockhouse salbe bigyt of gret strinth at the hevin moutht. And that euere burges sal inbring certaine landmen, out duellaris, and not inhabitantis of this toune, efter thar faculte, and sustene tham one thar expenssis, to remane within the tone als lang as neidis; and that nay man borow nor lene geir, vnder the paine of eschet; and that euere mane be weil abilzeit with defensabile wapinnis, as efferis,

efter the tenour of our souerane lordis letteris direkit thairvpone. And that ale burges, batht to burghe and lande, sal remane personalie within the burghe, and nocht to pass vteuche vnder the panys contenit in our souerane lordis letteris direkit thairapon. And that euerie mane haue thar targis and ale ther geir redy at the premunicioun and warning of the common bell, vnder the panis contenit in our souerane lordis letteris, that is to say of tynsal landis, lyue, and gudis. 11th June, 1497.

4th July, 1497.

The ferde day of Julij, the yer forsaide, it was ordanit and statute be the alderman, balzeis, and consal of Aberden, and approuit be the communite of the samyn, that gif our ald inemeis of Ingland propose and schepis to lande, that the tone keep tham obscur, and suffer tham to lande gif it be seyne expedient to the alderman and the quartermasteris chosin be the towne for the kepin of the burghe and the resisting of our saide inemeis: that is to say, the alderman, ouirman, Alexr. Menzeis, Robert Blinsel, Dauid Menzeis, Alexr. Rede, Jonhne of Culan, Alexr. of Chamer, Johne Colisone, Thomas Prat, William Porter, and Jonhne Wormet; and the toune salbe quarterit in four partis, and canellis castyne for the wechin of the tone, and ilkan quarter to wach nicht about.

The saide day, it was statut and ordanit that ij kelis one the tovnis aventouris be brocht to the neyss, and al fishear boitis be brocht and haldin one floit besid the said kelis, to pass and repas for the saiftie of the mene and landis of Torry.

The saide day, it was statut and ordanit that ale outburges, for thar nonresidence personalie within the burghe, salbe punist efter the tenour of our souerane lordis letteris of proclamacioun maid thairapone.

The saide day, it was statut and ordanit, gif the Inglismen propose to lande one the northt partis of the havyne, that al manere of men, with thar cartis of weir, with horsis, gunrye, artailzerie, and ail vther defensabile wapinnis, be redy, and pass to resist thame for the saiftie of our cathedral kirk, my lord of Aberdenis palace, aur maisteris the chanonis, and ther familiaris and habitaciones.

10th July, 1497.

10*th July*, 1497.

The sade day, it was statute and ordanit that all nichbouris and induellaris of this burghe sall sende thar seruandis with spadis, barrowis, and schulis, to morne be [ ] houris in the morning, to the saide ness, thar, be command of the alderman and the officiaris, to cast, &c., and ilkan housheholder, ane seruand at the leist. And that al pynouris, stebillaris, and carteris, hevand horses, be thar with thar horsis and cartis to the furnysing of the samyn, and that nay hors be yokit vnder the payne of eschetis; and that nay buthtis be oppin for laboring nor wirking vnto the tyme the saide fossis be castyne and maid, be the sicht and commavnde of the alderman, bailzeis, and counsaile. And that nay indwellar of this burghe pass vteuche the toune, vnder the penys contenit in our souerane lordis letteris of proclamacioun; and that al outburgessis cum and reman personalie within the burghe, vnder the penys contenit in the samyn.

The x day of July, yer forsaid, it was statut and ordanit be the alderman, balzeis, and consall, for the resisting of our ald inemeys of Ingland, that all nichtbouris of this burghe sale inbring and sustene certaine landmen, ilkane efter thar substance, to the defence of the tone agan the great Mary of Ingland, ay and to the tyme the saide nauy remoyue fra thir partis, for the quhilkis thai haue chosin thir personis, Androw Culane zounger, Johne Wormet, Androw Murray elder, Alexander Gray, Dauid Mathesone, and William Futhes, taxteris tile extent the towne how mony personis landmen ilkane mane sal beir, be thar aithis bodelie sworne.

14*th July*, 1497.

The saide day, it was statut and ordanit be the alderman and consale that the balzeis sal wairne the wache nychtlie, as thai wile ansuer to the kinge and the toune, and the seriandis to be redy at thair commavnde. And Thomas Leslie sal warne the wache the first v nycht, Robert Culane the secunde v nychtis, Andro Cullan the thrid v nychtis, and Thomas Fyf the last v nychtis. And that ale the saide personis sall waik personalie, and put nay man to waik for thame, vndir the panys contenit in our soueran lordis letteris directit thairapone, that is to say, of tynsel land, lyue, and gudis.

The xiiij day of July, the yer forsaide, it was statut and ordanit be the alderman and consale, for the sayfty of the toune, that thir peronis vndir writtin sale be hedes of the wache, in the first the xiij nycht of July: 14th July, 1497.

The alderman, the xiij nicht of July.
Alexr. Menzes, the xiiij nycht.
Robert Blinsel, the xv nycht.
Alexr. Chamer, the xvj nycht.
Dauid Menzeis, the xvij nycht.
Alexr Rede, the xviij nycht.
Thomas Prat, the xix nycht.
Ionhne of Culan, the xx nycht.
Iohne Colisone, the xxi nycht.
Iohne Wormet, the xxij nyhct.
Iohne Knollis, the xxiij nycht.
Andro Murray elder, the xxiiij nycht.
Alexr. Gray, the xxv nycht of July.
William Futhes, the xxvj nycht.
Iohne Blak, the xxvij nycht.
Alexr. Mar, the xxviij nycht.
Dauid Mathesone, the xxix nycht.
James Colisone, the xxx nycht.
Andro Cullane zonger, the last nycht.
William Porter, the first nycht of August.
Robert Crag, the secund nycht of August.

The yer of God, j^{m} iiij^{c} nyntj and vij yeris, thir personis vnder writtin furnist thair cartis vnder for wer, to the resisting of our ald inemeys of Ingland:

In primis, Shir Johne Rutherfurd, alderman, j cart.
Alexander Chamer, j cart.
Alexander Menzeis, j cart.
Robert Blinsel, j cart.
Johne of Culane, j cart.
Alexr. Rede, j cart.
Thomas Prat, j cart.
Iohne Wormet, Dauid Mathesone, } j cart.
Alexr. Mar, Thomas Chepman, William Kyntor, Andro Murray zonger, } j cart.
Andro Murray, cum filio suo, } j cart.
Robert Crag, William Futhes, } j cart.
Alexr. Gray, Dauid Adysone, } j cart.
Johne Collsone, James Colisone, Duncane Colisone, } j cart.
Andro Culan zonger, Will. Anderson zonger, William Gareauche, } j cart.
Alexr. Chamer zonger, Iohne Retie, Dauid Fynne, } j cart.
George Bysset, Patrick Chernsid, William Porter, } j cart.

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Iohne Blak,	j cart.	Johne Grege, j cart.	
William Andersone,		Iohne Murray,	j cart.
William Blinsel,		Iohn Duncansone,	
Patrik Leslie,	j cart.	Iohne Steuinsone,	
Gilbert Menzeis,		The litstaris, j cart.	
Iohne Knollis,		The cordonaris, j cart.	
Thomas Waus,		The flesseris, j cart.	
William Murray,			

20*th October*, 1497.

In the first, gevin for spisary to Thomas Prat, xxxvi s.

Item, for wine to Robert of Cullan, lii s.

Item, for iii stanys of wax to Robert Blinsel, liiii s.

And for the making and treis, vi s.

Item, to the warkmen of the tolbuitht, viii s.

Item, for ane pip of wine to my Lord of Huntlie, v lib.

Item, to the organman, xl s.

Item, til a man that passit to Banf witht ane letter of the kingis, xvi d.; the propin was gevin to the kingis hienes at his passage to Sanct Duthois, and repassage.

The haill some, xiiii lib. xvii s. and iiii d.

Item, to Lord Oliphant, d. gallone claret, ii s.; and to Lord Gordone, i gallone, iiii s.

17*th November*, 1497.

The said day, it was thocht expedient, statut, and ordanit, be the alderman, balzeis, and consale, for the plesour of our souerane lordis hienes, his lordis and nobles of consale, that all baxteris, brousteris, flesseris, fischearis, stabillaris, candillmakaris, cordonaris, tailzeouris, and ale vtheris men of craftis within this burghe, be weil furnyst and bodyne in gude and sufficient stuf, ilkan according to thair craftis and operacionis, to the furnysing of our souerane lordis hienes and his lordis, &c., for the space of xx dayis and forthir, alse lang as his hienes makis residence within this burghe. In the first, all baxteris to haue bakin breid and flour redy to baik; al broustaris to haue brovyne aile and grundin malt redy to brew; al stabillaris to haue sufficient stabillis, hek, manger, corne, foder, and ale

vther stuf according thairto; ale flescheris to haue fresche flesche dailie and hourlie slane and to be sclane; ale fischearis to haue fische redy, salt, pouderit, herde, and fresche quhen the wedder ansueris thairto; al candil makaris to haue candile redy maid sufficient stuf; ale talzeouris, cordonaris, and skinneris, to haue werk maid and stuf redy to mak, ilkan according to thair craft; al merchandis to haue wax, wyne, spicery, and vthir merchandice redy, to the furnising of our souerane lordis hienes; and that al elding sellaris bring thair elding dailie and hourlie to the mercat. 17th Nov., 1497.

25th December, 1497.

James, be the grace of God kinge of Scottis, till ale and sindrie our officiaris, lieges, and subditis, quhaim it efferis, quhas knowlege thir our letteris salcum, and, in special, our admirall and his deputis now present, and to cum, greting: Forsamekle as we causit of our commandment our louit, fameliar squiar Nichele Ramsay, master of our schip callit the Mare Bartane, to pass diuerse Raissis of our realme in warfar, in contrar our auld innemeis of Ingland; and, as we ar informit, our said admirall and his deputis wexis and trublis the saide Nichole be thair arrestmentis, and askis and requiris admiralite of our saide schip, to the gret tribill of our said seruitour, and in contrar justice, gif it sa be. Quhar we commande and charge our saide admirale now present and his deputis, and all vtheris our admirallis and thair deputis to cum, our officiaris, liegis, and subditis forsaides, that nane of youe tak vpon hande to ask or requir admiralite of ony maner of gudis, wone witht our said schip, fra the said Nicholl, his factouris, or ony of his seruitouris; or yit, that ye or thai mak ony arrestment, molestatioun, tribule, or injur to the saide Nicholl, his factouris, or seruitouris, in thar personis, landis, or gudis, for ony gudis wonnyn be our saide schip in ony tyme bygane and to cum, under all the hiest paine, charge, and offence that ye and ilk ane of you may commit and inrin agane our maiestate in that part. Dischargeing you our admirall now present and your deputis, and all vtheris our admirallis to cum and thair deputis, of your and thair offices in that part be thir our letteris. The quhilk we will endur for all the daies of the saide Nicholes liff. Gevin vnder our priuie seill, at Abirdene the xxv day of December, the yer of God lxxxxvij yeris, and of our regnne the tend yer.

23d January, 1498.

23*d January*, 1498.

The xxiij day of Januer, the yer of God j^{m} iiij^{c} nynty and aucht yeris, all the quhit fishearis of Futy oblist tham, of thar avne fre will, be thar faithtis of thar bodiis, to pay yerlie ilkan yer to Sanct Clementis chapel werk in Futy ilkan master of the boit havand tua lynis ij s., and ilkan botismen xij d.

26*th March*, 1498.

The xxvj day of Marche, the yer of God j^{m} iiij^{c} nynty and viij yeris, thir personis vnder writtin, at commavnd of the toune present for the tyme, has lent certaine money as efter followis, to the defence of ane summonce maid vpon the commissaris of the commoun assedatioun, because it is ane commoun actioun, quhilkis sal be pait to thame agan at the nixt aff taxt. In the first: Schir Johne Ruthirfurd, alderman, has lent vj s. and viij d.; Alexander Menzeis, vj s. viij d.; Robert Blindsal vj s. viij d.; Thomas Prat, xiij s. iiij d.; Dauid Menzes, vj s. viij d.; Alex. Chamer, vj s. viij d.; John Cullane, vj s. viij d.; Johne Colisone, v s.; Alex. Ride, v s.; Johne Knollis, v s.; Johne Wormet ij s.; Johne Blak, ij s.; William Blinsale, xvj d; William Kintor, xvj d.; Robert Crag, ij s.; Andro Murray elder, ij s.; Alex. Gray, ij s.; Andro Cullan zounger, ij s. Nochtwithstanding Johne of Cullane pait nocht the said d. mark.

17*th May*, 1498.

The saide day, the haile toune warnit be the premunicioun of the bell and the officers throw the hail toune, and circually inquerit be the officiar, affirmit and ratifeit the statutes and akis maid anent the kepin of the toune fra the pestilence and strange seiknes abefor, and hes ordanit that the porte of the Castelgate passand to Futy be closit, and the port to the est extendand one the northt part of the samyn gat, betone Robert Blinsellis yet, be oppin in the day, and lokit with lokis and keis, and in likwyse the port of the Gallogate be vpmaid and closit with lokis and keis. And the alderman, in our soueran lordis name, and be verteu of his office, chargit and commandit the haile toune to se, avise, and provide for the kepin of the toune, as thai walde answer to the kingis hienis, and offerit him redy to do al that thai wald charge him to do thairanent. And the haile toune tuk on thame to keip the said four portis, ilkane quarter thair avne port,

sufficientlie as efferis, as thai wald answer thairapone; of the quhilkis the alderman askit at me Schir Johne Stirueling, notar publict, befor witnes, Robert Blinsell, Alex. Menzes, Thomas Prat, Duncan Colison, William Futhes, Robert Crag. 17th May, 1498.

22*d August*, 1498.

Xxij Augusti anno Domini m° iiij^c lxxxxviij. It is avisit and thocht expedient be the commissaris of burrowis, viz., Edinburgh, Abirdene, Pertht, Dunde, Hadington, that thar be direct ane schap clerk, and twa burges merchandis of fasson, to the Archeduk of Austrie, &c., with our souerane lordis antentyue writtingis, and perfit instructionis for remeid tueching the mater of the letteris of marque, and the dukis proclamatioun tueching the stapill, gif thar ony sic be.

The personis diuisit to pass at our souerane lordis emplessour ar thir, viz:

For the merchandis,

Schir Thomas Tod, provost of Edinburghe;

Schir Johne Rutherfurde, alderman of Aberdene.

For the clerkis,

Maister Dauid Setone, persone of Fethyrcarne;

M. Gawan Dunbar, dene of Murray, failze of ony vtheris siclik clerkis of wisdome to be chosin in thar stedis.

Item, it is avisit and thocht expedient be the said commissaris of burrowis, that devisit remeid may be had tueching the multitud of sailaris, viz., that na man saile within j last of gude of his awne, or samekle in sterage, according to the act of parliament maid theropane, vnder the pane of x lib., as is contenit in the saide act of parliament, to be rasit till our souerane lordis wse.

Item, in likwise that the act of parliament be obseruit and kepit tueching the craftismen, viz., that nane of thame occupy merchandice and thar craft togidder, sa that gif thai occupy the merchandice, that thai leif thar craft, and in the contrar, efter the forme of the said act maid tharopane; and the provest and balyheis within burghe, as schireffis in that part, to cersse the brekaris of thir actis, and to raise the pane of x lib. of the persone brekand ony of thame alsoft as it happinnis, till our souerane lordis wse, and compt therof yerlie to be gevin in the cheker.

22d November, 1498.

22*d November*, 1498.

The saide day, the alderman and consal present for the tyme, grantit to Sir Richerde Waus aucht merks, to Sir Andro Couper fiwe merkis, and to Sir Johne Strathechin four merkis, for this yer to cum, for thar continuale gude seruice, and residence to be maid in the queir and kirk of Aberdene; thairof thai assignit viij merkis to the said Sir Robert of the Vnermyll, the said fiwe merkis to the saide Sir Androw of the said myll, and the said four merkis to the said Sir Johne of the maile of Bogferloche, to be rasit at thar avne handis.

The saide day, Mathow Wricht oblist him be his hand vphaldin to mak gude seruice in the luge and vteuche to the bigin and furnysing of the queyr, at the commavnd and sicht of the alderman, consal, and the master of the kirkwerk, and he sal nocht pass to nay vther werk without speciale licence of the alderman and the consal; for the quhilkis seruice to be done, thai sal nocht [?] content and pay to the said Mathow tuenty tua merks vsual money of Scotland, the entre of the said Mathow was thairwith that at Mertymes last bigane.

The said day, Nichol Masone and Dauid Wricht oblist tham be the fathis of thar bodiis, the gret aithe sworne, to remane at Sanct Nicholes werk in the luge and vteuche, ther to mak dely gude seruice, and to be leile trew in all pontis, and nocht to pass fra the saide werk without leif of the alderman, consale, and maister of the werk; for the qnhilks gude seruice to be done, thai sal content and pay to the saide Nichol tuenty ane merks, and to the saide Dauid auchtene merkis.

15*th March*, 1500.

The xv day of Merche, the yer forsaide, Schir Johne Rutherfurd, alderman, shew and declarit how he was to pass for the hambringin of Sanct Nicholes led to Berwick, and the quyntray was dangerfull throw this plage of pestilence, for the eschewin of perell that his wyf and his barnis be nocht skathit in tyme to cum, that ther was in handis thre scoir pundis of the water malys of this yer immediatlie bigane, and Johne of Mar grantit the samyn, and that he had xxxv lib. of the saide yeris maile in his handis, for the quhilkis he sould ansuer to the tone befor thir witnes, Gilbert Menzes and Thomas Leslie.

8th April, 1500.

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The saide day, thir personis vnder writin, of thair avne fre will, motyve, and gud mynde, in the honour of Almyghti God and thair gloriouse patrone Sanct Nicholes, oblist and bande thame be the fathtis of thar bodiis, ther ayris, executouris, and assignaes, be ale thar gudis and landis, to content and pay to the alderman, balzeis, or master of the kirk werk of Aberden for the tyme, thir somes of salmond and money, to the bying and pament of leid to thar saide kirk. In the first, Schir Ionhne Rutherfurd, alderman, ane barrele of salmond; Alexr. Menzeis, j barrele salmond; Robert Blinsele, j barrele salmond; Johne Cullan, j barrele salmond; Alexander Rede, j barrele salmond; Thomas Prat, j barrele salmond; Robert Crag, d. barrel salmond; Williame Futhes, d. barrele salmond; William Chamer, d. barrele salmond; Jonhne Blak, d. barrele salmond; Alexander Gray, d. barrele salmond; William Anderson Jacobi, x s.; Duncan Colison, v s.; William of Murray, v s.; Johne Duncanson, v s.; George Bisset, d. marce; Malcum Crag, d. barrele grilse; Alexander Lindesay, v s.; Patrick Leslie, d. barrele grilse, or the vaile; George Bell, d. barrele salmond; Robert Hay, ij s.; Ionhne King, x s.; Thome Chapman, d. marce; Andro Meldrum, [ ] s.; Thome Forsy, ij s.; Alexander Burnat, iiij s.; Ionhne Meldrum, iii s.; Andro Cullan zonger, d. barrele salmond; Master Androw Byssat, x s.; Ionhne Annand, iiij s.; Thome Wode, d. marce; Thome Alexanderson, ij s.; Alexr. Hay, v s.; Andro Stevinson, ij s.; William Scherar, litstar, iiij s.; Alexr. Blak, x s.; Androw Watsone in Cullane, ij s.; Ionhne Telzour Crukschank, ij s.; Andro Mureson, iij s.; Thome Philp, ij s.; Robert Rede, iiij s.; Thome Wodman, ij s.; Alexander Brabner, ij s.; William Gray, ij s.; James Torre, ij s.; Andro Johnston, ij s.; Robert Futhes, ij s.; Thome Johnston, v s.; Alexr. Hay, litstar, v s.; Philp Kelly, ij s.; Andro Hutmaker, xii d.; Thome Meldrum, v s.: Johne Fullertone, ij s.; Thome Narne, ij s.; Gilbert Patersone, ij s.; Andro Murray, xiij s. and iiij d.; Thome Gerat, xii d.; Johne Horne, v s.; Andro Louson, v s.; James Gourly, v s.; William Balhelvy, ij s.; Dauid Talzour, ij s.; Andro Michelson, ij s.; Syme Richerdson, iiij s.; Andro Body, ij s.; Andro Low, ij s.; Johne Tulibo, iij s.; Alexr. Gray, v s.; Thome Watsone, v s.; Dauid Strathachlin, v s.; Cristy Prat, v s.; Johne Porter, iij s.; Iohne Wilzongson, d. marce; Iohne Thomsone, d. barrele grilse; William Andersone

8th April, 1500. elder, iiij s.; Alexr. Malyssone, ane quarter barrele of grilse, or v s.; William Lammyrtone, v s.; Johne Andersoun, d. marce. Apone the quhilkis, the alderman askit at me, Schir Johne Striueling, common clerk and notar, instrumentis. Testibus dominis Willelmo Rolland Andrea Gray Andrea Chamer Iohanne Rede capellanis Philippo Dunbrek Andrea Nachty Jacobo Leis Willelmo Scrimgeour seriandis et acta erant hec in pretorio huiusmodi.

15*th April*, 1501.

The saide day, it was statutit, and ordanit, and deliuerit, be ane suorne assise, that ale nichtbouris, induellaris of this burghe, and ale alienatis, that bringis in ony gret salt within this hevin, sale deliuer to Sanct Nicholes work ane smale mett of ilkan hundretht, conforming to the alde lovabile rite, constitud, and vyse of the said burghe.

10*th May*, 1501.

Item, it was statut and ordanit, that all personis duelland uteucht the forgait in the bak steris, samony as salbe warnit and chargit therto and billit be the prouest and bailzeis, furnys and graitht the staris of the forgait with arres werk daily as efferis, under the pane of ilk persone that beis requirit therto, and furnissing nocht the samyn of [ ] s. unforgevin, for the ressaving of our souerane ladye the queyne.

Alsua it was statut and ordanit, that na swyne being within this brught, young nor auld, be haldin uteucht band of the forgait for ane tiftene dais, this day being runnyne, under the pane of slauchter of the said swyne, escheting of thame, and banyssing of thame that aw the samyne, and als that all the town be devoyen of the swn croffis, under the samyn payne, betuix this and Thurisday nixt to cum.

Alsua it was statut and ordanit, that all maner of persone or personis that bringis ony byrkis, holingis, gyrss, herbis, or ony vthir grene flouris, haf common passage, and sal haue fre mony and redy siluer for the samyn.

24*th July*, 1501.

The saide day, the alderman, balzeis, and consale assignit to ther com-

mone menstrallis tene lib., to be taken fra the denys of gilde to furnyss thame to the passage, witht the alderman and utheris honorabil nychtbours, to the fest of our soverane lords marriage, at commaunde of his hienes and to the plesour of his maieste. 24th July. 1501.

23*d August*, 1501.

The xxiii day of August, the yer of God j^m v^c and ane yer, Johne Wormet, Androw Murray, Gilbert Menzes, James Colisoun, Andro Cullan, William Blinsele, and Alex. Gray was chosen be the haill communite of Abirdene, and suorne ther gret aithe to taxt and extent the tone of j^c merks and xv crownis, to be gevin to the ambaxater passing to the completing of the kingis marriage, efter the tenor of our soveran lordis lettres directit therupon.

The said day, the ballieis, counsale, and communite, warnit and chargit be the hande bell throw the haill tovne, and be the sergeandis, at commaunde of our soverane lordis lettres, for the passage of ane part of the best and wortheast of the samyn to the fest of our soverane lordis marriage, and ane gret pairt and multitude of the counsale and communite gathereit representande the bodie of the toune, and cercualie inquerit be Johne Mar, and Thomas Leslie, balzeis, and Willeame Scrimgeir, sergeande, grantit, consentit, and ordanit to set and to formaile lett ane thrid pairt of neths fisching one the watter of Done for thretteyne yers, and ane sex parte of thar fischings of the Crovis for vxi yers, quhilks thrid pairt nethis fischings umqhile Willeame Chamer hede in tak obefor, and Andro Murray the said sex part of the Crovis for the prouissione of expenses to thame that passis to the said fest of our soverune lordis marriage, &c., and chesit Alexander Menzeis, alderman, Robert Blinsele, Alex. Chamer, Alex. Rede, Alex. Mar, Willeame Futhes, and Johne Rettie, commissaris, to set the saide fischings for the said termes, and ordanit ane commissioun to be gevin to thame under thar commoun sele, quhilkis personis suer the gret aithe to sett the samyn fischings efter thair conscience and knavlege for the commone wele and profit of the toune, and ordanit the kepars of the commone sele to sele the saide commissiounis ane and mayer concerning the sad takis, and ordanit to tak the formale of the said third parts fischings of Done fra the personise [?] or personis that thai sett it to, and fra Margaret of

23d August, 1501. Kintor, now josate of the samyn, gif sche will tak the said third partis fischingis for xiii yers, and pay the formale therof. Item, thai assignit the maile of ane half nethts fischings of Mydchingile, extending to five lib. x s. and vd. in the yer, to the bigin of the kirk werk of Abirdene interchangit and assignit for the said thrid parts maile of Done, and ordanit lettres to be red therupoun of assignatioun and interchange one the seuerast wyss, and to be selit witht ther commoun sele.

5th November, 1501.

The said day, the counsaile and communite, warnit be the hand bell throue the haill towne, and gatherit representand the body of the towne for the tyme, circualy inquerit be William Scrimgeour, officiar, consensit, grantit, and ordanit, ale thar gressumes of thar wateris, fischingis, and landis of this assedacioun to be maid, to be gevin to the begin of Sanct Nicholes werk, na man sayand the contrar.

4th June, 1503.

The saide day, the alderman, ballies, counsaile, and comunite present for the tyme, warnit be the hand bell throue the haill towne, at the requeist of our souerane lordis lettres, grantit thar commone hande bell, with ale proffitis, to William Colp, Cristiane Turing his spouse, and Dauid Colp his sone, to the langast levar of thame, thai doand seruice tharfor, aucht and wont, and ordanit to gif thar commoune seill tharapone.

27th October, 1503.

The saide day, it was statut and ordanit be the alderman, balleis, and consale, that the sagristane sale haue for ilkan graiwe makin and bellis rigin within the kirk [ ] and vteuche the kirk in the kirk zerde viij d. And he sale ger ring curfoyr continuale, at hour and tyme, aucht and wont. Atour he sal nocht ring Laurence at the saule messe nor menyngis, bot for the nobill and honorabill personis of the town, without leif of the alderman and the counsale.

23d December, 1503.

The said day, the baillies, counsale, and communite, warnit be the premunicioun of the hand bell throw the haill tovun, gatherit, representand

the body of the tovun, and circualie inquerit be Willeame Scrimgeour, ane of the officiaris of the said burgh, ale in ane voice concordande gef, grantit, and assignit to thair traist clerk and nychtbour sone, Maister Dauid Menzheis, ale and haile thar chapellanry of Sanct Dutheis altar, with ale proffitis, richtis, and pertinence pertenyng, or may pertene tharto, situate within the perise kirk of the said burgh, for ale the dais of his lyfe, vacand be decess of vmquhile Schir Willeame Crukschank, last possessour of the samyn; and constitut, maid, and ordanit Johne Lesley of Warderis, alderman, Schir Johnne Rutherfurd, knycht, Alexander Menzeis, Robert Blinseile, Dauy Menzheis, Alexander Reid, Alexander Chamer, Johne of Cullane, Gilbert Menzeis, James Colisoun, thar commissaris, coniunctly and severally, tile institut and inuest the said Master Dauid in the said chapellanry; and ordanit euidentis vnder thar commone seill, according tharto, to be maid in dew forme, to the said Master Dauid, one the souerast wase be thair commone clerk. 23d Dec., 1503.

13*th January*, 1504.

The saide day, the alderman and counsale grantit thame avande, in the townes nayme, to Davy Theman, foure markis, vsuale money of Scotlande, for the kepin of thar common horolege and knok, for ane vnce and d. vnce of siluer, quhilk he put in the common armes of the tovne, gevin to thar commone menstralis quhene thai passit to our souerane lordis marriage at the tovnes command, quhilkis thai gravntit to pay to the saide Dauy.

Eodem die tribus processibus perlectis per religiosum virum fratrem Andream Storour priorem Carmelitarum dicti burgi nomine conuentus eiusdem de et super recuperacione proprietatis et possessionis cuiusdam terre vaste Thome Pyot pertinentis jacentis in vico viridi ex australi parte eiusdem inter terram Jacobi Pyot ex occidentali ex vna et terram dictorum fratrum siue domus ex australi partibus ab altera et communes vias regias versus oriens et boream in defectu solutionis vnius annui redditus decem solidorum vsualis monete Scotie sibi et dicte domui debiti et a longo tempore non soluti vnde dictus prior petiit a nobis secundum vim formam et effectum sui processus precedentis juris et justicie complementum sibi fieri de dicta terra cum pertinentiis Et consequenter dominus Dauid Liell prelocutor dicti prioris porrexit plegium in manibus Willelmi

13th January, 1504. Scrimgeour vnius sergeandorum dicti burgi quod ipse prior proprietatem et possessionem recuperauit de dicta terra cum pertinentiis in defectu solutionis annui redditus antedicti vnde hora diei legitime expectata omnibus interesse habentibus vocatis et nullo comparente nec opponente decretum fuit ex ore Alexandri Joffrasoun iudicatoris curie et datur pro iudicio quod ipse causam suam obtinuit in recuperacione proprietatis dicte terre cum pertinentiis Super quibus dictus dominus Dauid nomine prelocutorio quo supra petiit instrumentum Testibus Johanne Rutherfurd milite Alexandro Reid Jacobo Collisone Johanne Ratre Andrea Cullan Dauid Theman ut supra

15*th April*, 1504.

Eodem die accedens ad barram religiosus vir frater Andreas Storour prior domus fratrum Carmelitarum de Aberdene nomine dicte domus et protestatus fuit in forma juris pro vno annuo redditu xiij solidorum et quatuor denariorum de quadam terra vasta jacente in le Grene quondam Dauid Strathin inter terram quondam Johannis Duruard ex orientali ex vna et communes vias regias versus boream occidens et austrum sibi et dicte domui annuatim a longo tempore debito et non soluto ad quam terram accedens nichil reperit distringibile preter terram et lapides quos balliuos in succulo presentauit in curia tanquam secundo die huius processus Testibus Dauid Tailzeour Georgio Tailzeour Thoma Gledstand et Ormundo Lesly sergeando

Eodem die accedens ad barram religiosus vir frater Andreas Stourour prior domus fratrum Carmelitarum de Aberdene et protestabatur in forma juris pro vno annuo redditu decem solidorum sibi et dicte domui annuatim a longo tempore debito et non soluto de terra vasta Thome Pyot jacente in vico viridi ex australi parte eiusdem inter terram Jacobi Pyot ex occidentali ex vna et terram dictorum fratrum siue domus ex australi et communes vias regias versus oriens et boream Ad quam terram accedens nichil reperit distringibile preter terram et lapides quos balliuis in succulo presentauit in curia tanquam secundo die huius processus testibus ut supra.

11*th October*, 1504.

The said day, it was diuisit and ordanit be the alderman, bailzes, and

counsaille, that thar sal be gevin to our soverane lord in propin, sex par torchis, ane dusane of prekats, iii dusane of syis of walx, ane dusane lib. of scorcheatis, and alssmeikle wine as the mester of sellar plessis to tak till his hienes. 11th October, 1504.

14*th June*, 1505.

The saide day, the alderman, balzeis, and counsale present for the tyme, for the vphaldin and sustening of dyvine service in the queir and kirk of Aberden, in the honor of God, the gloriouse Virgine Mary, Sanct Nicholes thair patron, and all sanctis, conducit, hyrit, and feet Wat Strathin, sangaster, to syng and help to hald dyvin seruice within the said kirk for his mett, with viij personis circualie oukly, and drink and xx s. of siluer yerlie, ilkan yer, to be tene of ane burges, to be chosin and gottin be the said Wat or ony of his frendis, to by him ane gown, quhilkis thai thankfullie promittit to the said Wat.

9*th September*, 1505.

The said day, the alderman, balzeis, counsale, and diuerse of the communite, present for the tyme, grantit and gef to Schir Thomas Lammyngtone, chapellane, Sanct Clementis chapele, for ale the dais of his lyve, with ale offeringis, obuentis, proventis, toftis, croftis, and fredomes, pertening or may pertene therto, quhilkis was vacand and at ther dispositioun, sene the decess of vmquhile Schir Ingerame Bannerman, possessor of the samyn.

17*th November*, 1505.

The saide day, the alderman, balzeis, counsaile, and diuerse of the communite gravntit and gaf thar ferding and keping of thair jouelis and ornamentis of thar kirk to Sir Dauy Waus, cheplene, for ale the dais of his lyve, with ale deuyteis and profitis pertening thairto, for the keping of the samyn aucht and wount.

24*th November*, 1505.

The said day, Philp Belman, be his avin toung graunt, was in ane amerciament of the court for the sellinge of ane apill for ane penny, quhar he micht haue sauld thre for ane penny.

5th October, 1506.

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The said day, alderman, bailzes, consaill, and communitie, grantit and assignit ale thar gressoumis of thar fischingis and landis to the bying of led, and thekin of thar queir, and to be disponit apone the kirkwark, to the honor of Sanct Nicholess, thar gloriuss patrone.

10th January, 1507.

Eodem die accedens ad barram religiosus vir frater Andreas Storour prior domus fratrum Carmelitarum dicti burgi et protestatus fuit in forma juris pro vno annuo redditu sex solidorum et octo denariorum sibi et dicto loco annuatim debito et a longo tempore non soluto de quadam terra vasta quondam Ranaldi Tailzeour jacente extra portam orientalem dicti burgi ex boreali parte vici eiusdem inter terram Johannis Zongsone ex orientali ex vna et terram domus Sancti Johannis de Torphichin ex occidentali et communem viam regiam versus austrum ad quam terram accedens nichil reperit distringibile preter terram et lapides quos balliuis in succulo presentauit in curia tanquam primo die huius processus Testibus Thoma Riddaill Thoma Straloche et Normando Lesly sergeando.

13th March, 1507.

The saide day, it was ordanit and deliuerit be the alderman and counsaile present for the tyme, that thar salbe the par torchis, xii prekats, and ii dussan assiss of wax, maid to be deliuerit to the kingis hienes, and wyne be discretioun of the prouest, togidder witht sex lib. of skorgeatis.

7th April, 1507.

The saide day it was statut and ordanit be the prouest, balzeis, counsale, and communite present for the tyme, that evere fyrhouse within this burghe sale furnis and sende ane sufficient work seruand, with spaide, schwile, or barrowe, to help to rede the common loche, quhen euere thai be warnit thairto be the officiaris or the hande bele, vnder the pane of viij s. vnforgevin.

24th September, 1507.

The said day, Thomas Borrow, Inglishman, grauntit him resauit be the handis of Androw Cullane, prouest of the said burghe, four lastis and

d. last slamonde, in the name of Bryame Roche, for ten fuder of led, resauit to Sanct Nicholes work, quhilkis iiij lastis and d. war schippit custome free. And the said Thomas, in the name of the said Bryame his master, helde me wele content, and pait, and dischargit, and quietclamit the said prouest, balzeis, consaile, and communite thairof, now and foreuer, befor Hary Stot, skipper. 24th Sept., 1507.

8th October, 1507.

The said day, it was appointit and accordit, betuixt the prouest, bailzes, and counsall one that ane part, and Richerd Wrycht, anent the mending and reformacioun of the stepill of the tolbutht, in maner and forme as followis: that is to say, the said Richerd sall, God willing, mend and reforme the stepill forsaid ennowe, and vteucht sufficiently and substanciusly in ale thingis as efferis, and thai sall fynd and dilyuer to him ale stuff conuenient thairto within the said tolbooth, and fynd him seruandis to heise his tymmer quhene it is reddy, and it beand sufficiently reformit and mendit, thai sall refund and pay to the said Richerd tene markis, and sall enter to the reformyng of it incontinent, and thai sall pay to him xl s. at his enteray to the said wark in onwartis.

26th December, 1507.

The same day, it was appontit betiux the prouest, bailzeis, and consale one that ane part, and Johne Ferdour, wricht, one that vthir part, in maner, forme, and effect efter following: that is to say, the said Johne sale, God willing, big, oupmak, and finally end and complet the xxxiiij stallis in thar queir, with the spiris and the chanslar dur, and ale vthir thingis according tharto, one his avin expensis, alse substanciusly and honorable as he may, as thai ar begunnyne, and bettir gif he cane, betuix this and the fest of Sanct Petyr, callit Lammes, immediat heirefter following, or at the fest of Sanct Michaell nixt, and immediat tharefter following at the ferrast; quhilk being completit, and finally endit at the said day, as said is, the prouest, bailzeis, and consale sale content and pay to the said Johnne tua hundretht pundis vsuale money of Scotland, with ane bontay according to thair honor; and gif he completis nocht the said wark be the said day, thane thay sall content and pay to him the some contenit in the first contrak, and this condicioun making nay dirogacioun to the first contrak. To the keping of the

26th Dec., 1507. quhilkis the said Johnne oblist him be the faitht of his bodie to Gilbert Menzeis, prouest, in the toonis nam; and ale somes of money that he ressauis sal be allouit in the said some, &c.

9th October, 1508.

Item, it is statut and ordanit be the proues, bailzes, and counsale that the litsteris of this burgh sall wesche all thar clais at the burne passand fra the west end of the loche to the dene burne; and that nay litstaris, skynnaris, cordonaris, nor craftismen sall wesche thar stuf in the loche, nor common riuelis of the toune in tyme to cum; and sall claise thair ventis of thar guttaris cummande fra thar werk house. and sall distry the samyne, and cast nay filcht cumand out of thar werk house in to the loche nor riuelis within xxiiij houris nixt heirefter.

30*th December*, 1508.

The grant of the salmond and money to by the led to theik the kirk and tofallis.

The said day, the prouost, bailzeis, counsaile, and communite vnder writin, of thar avin fre will and motive, to the plesour of God, decoring of haly kirk, and heile of thar saulis, grantit this salmond and money vnder writtin, to by leid to theik thar body of the kirk and tofallis, &c.: Gilbert Menzheis prouest, iij barrel salmond; Sir Johne Ruthirfurd, ij barrel salmond; James Colisoun, ij barrel salmond; Johne of Mar, iij barrel salmond; Thomas Leslie, j barrel salmond; Patry Leslie, ij barrel salmond; Duncan Colisone, j barrel salmond; Thomas Wod, j barrel salmond; Thomas Waus, j barrel salmond; Johne Colisone, ij barrel salmond; Alexander Gray, ane barrel of salmond; Dauid Steuart, j barrel salmond; Patry Rede, ane franche crovne; Williame Futhes, j barrel salmond; Alex. Malisone, j barrel salmond; William Porter, j barrel salmond; Thomas Vatson, v s.: Dauid Kintor, j barrel salmond; Johne Kintor, vj s. viij d.; Dauid Errot, x s.: Johne Andersone, d. barrel salmond; Androue Lousone, vij s.; Androw Futhes, ij s.; Johnne of Murray, Tulidef, x s.; Johne Murray in vico castri, d. barrel salmond; Andro Stevinsone, v s.; Robert Crag, j barrel salmond, William Murray, x s.; Dauid Murray, and his fader, j barrel salmond; Andro Burnat, v s.; Johne Crak, v s.; Malcolme Crag, xiiij s.; Patry Gordoun, v s.; Johnne Blak, ane

barrel salmond; William Laysk, v s.; Gavane Murray, half j barrel of grilse; Johne Arthour, j barrel salmond; Dauid Fynne, xvij s.; Dauid Straloche, x s.; Dauid Lame, v s.; Mathoue Branche, j barrel grilse; Patry Chernsid, j barrel salmond; Duncan Fyf, d. barrel salmond, or the vaile of thaim; Johne Cullan, ij barrel salmond; Richard Waus, d. barrel salmond; Duncan Craik, d. barrel salmond; Thomas Menzeis, d. barrel salmond; Alex. Nory, vj s. viij d.; Niniane Blinsele, viij s; Henry Rede, d. barrel grilse; Alex. King, iiij s.; Alex. Bannerman, in Bog Farlour, v s.; Andro Barkar, x s.; Alex. Kintor, d. barrel salmond; Johne Andersone junior, v s.; Duncan Gilrucht, v s.; Johne Quhitcorse, iij s.; Andro Grig, iij s.; Johne Litster elder, iij s.; Thomas Meldrum, ix s.; Richard Wricht, viij dais laubour; Robert Moryse, iij s.; Alex. Roche, v s.; Johne Meldrum, v s.; Dauid Bannerman, ij s.; Alexander Buk, iij s.; William Blinseile, couper, v s.; Dauid Couper, v s.; Johne Brakhauche, iij s.; Alex. Fraser, iij s.; Robert Moir, iij s.; Patry Leslie zongar, v s.; Johne Watsone, iij s.; Andro Portar, iij s.; Johne Wischart, xvi d.; Johne Slesser, iij s.; Richerd Redhed, v s.; Tomas Lammyrtoun, vi s.; Duncan Waudy, vj s.; Alex. Mortymer, ij s.; Johne Froster, v s.; Johne Loremar, v s.: Dauid Treis, ij Inglis grotis; Alexander Donaldsone, ij s.; Andro Smyth, iij s.; Johne Baugerscho, xvi d.: William Watson, iij s.; Gilbert Litster, x s.; Andro Edindeocht ij s.; Robert Joffray, iij s.; Andro Brabner, v s.; James Gourlay, x s.; Androwe Stratoun, xiiij s.; Alex. Tulideff, iiij s.; Johne Riche, iiij s.; Crysty Prat, x s.; Alexander Horne, v s.; Robert Piper, iiij s.; Williame Stile, iiij s.; Robert Red, v s.; Adam Wer, x s.; Andro Gordoun, mercatour, iiij s.; Alexander Brabner, ij s.; Alexander Moresone, iij s.; Gilbert Tailzeour, ij s.; Alexander Tailzeour, iij s.; Philp of Kelly, v s.; William King, ij s.; Syme of Ellone, vj s. viij d.; Johne Mar in Dyse, iiij s.; Dauid Crysty, iiij s.; Johne Brabner, v s.; Duncan Porter, iiij s.; Nichol Baxter; v s.; Dauid Strathachin, vij s.; Thomas Laysk, x s.; William Cheishame, vij s.; Johne Ramsay, vij s.; Johne Wilzongsone, v s.; Henry Andersone, v s.; Dauid Andersone, vij s.; William Rolland, d. barrel salmond; Andro Litster, xiiij s.; James Strathachin, v s.; Robert Hile, x s.; Johne Crag, x s.; William Wormet, j barrel grilse; Thomas Craufurd, x s.; Dauid Andersone, j barrel salmond; Alexander Blindseile, j barrel of grilse; George Bisset, j barrel of salmond; Dauid Mar elder, d. barrel of grilse; the four

30th Dec. 1508.

30th Dec., 1508. officiaris, j barrel salmond; Johne Fynne, xvj d.; William Abirdour, x s.; Johne Fechat zongar, [ ]; Patry Arthour, v s.; Cutberd Johnstone, x s.; the lard of Wardris, ij barrel of salmond; Andro Cullan, ij barrel salmond.

28th June, 1509.

The saide day, the provest, bailzeis, counsale, and communite, presentit Master Johne Merschell to the gramar scolis of the saide burghe, vacand be the decess of vmquhile Master Williame Strathachlin, possessour of the samyn, for ale the dais of his liwe, and admittit him to the saide scolis, be gift of ane pair of bedis, with ale comoditeis, fredomes, and profites pertening thairto.

29th August, 1509.

The xxix daye of August, the yeir forsaid, it was ordanit and deliuerit be the prouest, bailzeis, and counsel of the saide burgh, present for the tyme, that thair sal be gevin til our soverane lordis hienes, in propine, alsmeikle vynis as it plesis his master of vyne sellar and seruitours to tak til his henes, to giddir witht ane dusane pundis of schorcatis, ane dusane of torchis, ane dusane of prikatis, and tua dusane of syse of vax, quhilk salbe pait of the first and the rediast money thai can to be gottin of the townis.

3d February, 1510.

The said day, the provest, bailzeis, counsaile, and communite present for the tyme, ordanit George Bisset, master of the kirk werk, cause the plumbar to pass and ende his werk, and theik the body of thar kirk with leide.

7th June, 1510.

The said day, the provest, bailzeis, and counsaile, for honour and vphald of Goddis seruice, conducit and feit Sir Johnne Troumbull, sangster, to serue in thair queyr and kirk in all devin seruice, messis, matutinis, evynsangis, and all vder seruice belanging to ane sangstar, for ane yer to cum. And forthir, gif it plesit that said Sir Johne to remain, or thai to plese his seruice, for the quhilkis thai sall caus him be pait yerlie of tene pundis, sa lang as he remanis in thar seruice, quhill thai be of puyschance

to mend him his fee, quhilk Sir Johnne sall enter at the fest of Lammes nixt herefter to his service, and licence him betuix this and thane, to red him self of vder places, quhar his geir was. And this tene pundis to be vptakin be the said Sir Johnne yeirlie, fra the personis and placis that thai assigne to him. 7th June, 1510.

30*th April*, 1511.

The said day, it was statut and ordanit be the prowest, bailzeis, and counsail for the tyme, for the clenging of the toune agane the quenys cumming, that the belman pas throw all the hail toune, and command and chairg all maner of personis, that has ony myddingis apon the forgait befor thair yetts and daioris, to devoid, red, and cleng the samyn, betuix this and Sonday, vnder the pane of xl s. vnforgiven of the faltars, and them that reds nocht the saymn. And atour comandit the four officiaris to tak with ilkane of thame twa witnes, and pas throug thair quarteris of the toune, and ger devoid and red the heygait of al swyne crvffis being apon the forget, betuix this and Sonday, vnder the pane of escheting of the swyne of thame that halds the said cruffis, atour the said tyme, and ane amerciament of viii s. vnforgiven.

4*th May*, 1511.

The said day, the prouest, bailzeis, counsaill, and communite of the said burgh, warnit be the handbell and the officiaris oppinly throw the haill townne, gatherit, and circualy inquerit, be Normond of Lesly and Gilbert Prestoun, officiaris, all in one voice, concordand, grantit, and frely consentit to ressave oure soverane lady the queyne, als honorablie as ony burgh of Scotland, except Edinburgh allanerlie, and to mak als larg expensis thereapone as the prouest and counsail diuiss, for the honour of the towne and plesour of his gud grace. And for the money to furniss and mak the expensiss hereapone, the haill towne, representande the body of the saymne, grantit, consentit, and ordanit certaine commissaris, that is to say, the prouest, Sir Johnne Rutherfurd, Johnne Colison, Johnne of Mar, James Collisoun, Johnne of Cullan, and Androu Cullane, to set certaine takix, fischeings, and landis of thar commonte for the termes to be thoucht expedient be the said commissaris, for the sowme of ii^{c} lib., under or abuf, as thai think expedient, to prouid the said propin allanerly; and ordanit

4th May, 1511.

ane commissioun to be maid to the said commissaris, and selit witht thar commone seill. Alsua thai ordand assedationis to be maid and diuisit be the said commissaris, to the personis takaris of the said landis and watteris, to be selit witht thar commone selis, for the termes that the said commissaris happinnis to set the samyn. Apoun the quhilks the prouest askit instrument of me, Sir Johnne Sterueling, notar publict, befor Sir Thomas Bynne, Sir Dauy Leis, Sir Thomas Wricht, and Sir Dauy Lyel, and the said commissioun and assedationis to be maid one the seuerast wiss to burges, induellaris of the said burgh.

The said day, the provest, bailzeis, counsaill, and communitie, commandit and ordanit all pynouris, haffand hors, within this brught, to enter tomorne at the nixt, and clenge the toune of all myddingis, and no labour to be done be tham quhill the toune be clengit, and ordanit the officiaris to warne the said pynouris to enter tharto.

4th January, 1512.

The said day, it was statut and ordanit be the prouost, bailzeis, counsaile, and communite present for the tyme, that, in tyme cumin, na walcaris duelland within this burgh, fre nor vnfre, hing na claithis apoun the kirk wallis, kirk dykis, nor within the kirkyard, and quha beis conuict thairof sale pay the first tyme, viij s. vnforgevin, the secund tyme, viij s., vnforgevin, and the thrid tyme the clathis to be eschet. And atour, the prouost and bailzeis commandit and ordanit Wilzam Walcar, present for the tyme, to intimat and schaw the samyn to the laif of the craftismen of the towne.

26th February, 1512.

The said day, Philp Clerk, belman, be his avine tong graunt, was in amerciament of the court, for passing with the commone hand bell throw the toune, but charge of the prouest and bailzeis, and of the botismene that brocht certane oysteris her to sell, and warnit ale mene that wald by of tham [to] cum, and thai suld [have] j^{c} for iiij d., quhar thai sellit tham for vi d. j^{c}; for the quhilkis he was ordanit, be the assyse consale of the towne present for the tyme, that the said belman suld syt done one his kneis, and ask the awnaris of the said oysteris forgiwnes, and his crag to be put in the

goyf at thar wyle. And gif euere he passe throw the toune in tyme to cum in siclik caise, but charge of the prouost and bailzeis, his crag salbe put in the gof, and stand xxiiij houris, and salbe secludit of that office for ale the dais of his lyve. 26th February, 1512.

18*th June*, 1512.

The said day, the prouest, bailzeis, counsaill, and communitie consentit and ordanit that all thar gunnys, cartis of weir, targis, trinschis, fossis, be prouidit, graithit, maid, and furnist for weir to the resisting of our auld ennemeys of Ingland, apone thar expensis, and to tak the rediast of the townis malis to the furnissing of the samyne, and chesit Dauid Stewart, and Johne of Meldrum with him, masteris of the said artailzerie, till oursee the samyne, and maik thaim to be weile furnist in all poyntis as efferis, in all possible haist, and the towne to gif thaim expensis and money to the prouisioun of the samyne.

10*th February*, 1513.

The said day, the provest and counsaile ordanit Andro Fif, bailze, to gathir and ressaue xlij lib. and fourty schillingis, to Johne Innes expensis, to by thair artailzery, of the rediast of thar watter malis of Dee and Done, quhar it may be erast gottin, and to put the said artailzery tocum about to the havin of Aberdene, togidder with the givne powder, as it beis sene expedient to tham that thai writ to.

14*th February*, 1513.

The personis that pait the money to the kyng of thar artulzery to Andro Fyf, balze:

In the first, the prouest, xl s.; Patry Leslie, xl s.; William Rowan for himself, Marion Ranald, Gelis Allardes, and William Vmfray, liij s. and iiij d.; Alexander Gray, xxx s.: Johne Blak, xxx s. and iiij d.; Dauid Fynne for Bessy Setone, xxxiij s. and iiij d.; Dauid Andersone, xl s.; William Futhes, xxxiij s. and iiij d.; Robert of Crag, xxxiij s. iiij d.; Walter Cullane, xxxiij s. iiij d.; Charles Stevinsone, xxxiij s. iiij d.; Johne Arthour, x s.; Agnes Andersone, xiij s. iiij d.; Nathon Branche, xxxiij s. iiij d.; Dauid Mar, xxxiij s. and iiij d.; Patry Red, xiij s. iiij d.; Thomas Waus, xxxiij s. iiij d.; Dauid Arroc for umquhill Bessy Blinsele, xxxiij s.

14th February, 1513. and iiij d.; the prouost for Johne Colisone, and Robert Waus, at command of Johne Andersone, liij s. and iiij d.; Master Thomas Chamer for his moder, xxxiij s. iiij d.; Andro Cullan, xx s.; Thomas Menzeis, xiij s. and iiij d.; Richard Waus, xiij s. and iiij d.

Summa huius xxxvi lib. xi s. and vi d.

Item, of this somme befor writtin gevin to William Loremer, lvj s. iiij d.

1st March, 1513.

The first day of Marche, the yer of Gode, j^{m} v^{c} and xiij yeris, Patry Chernsid deliuerit to Gilbert Menzeis, prouost, in the townis nayme, fiwe lib. of his wattir malys of Done, to by thar artilzery, befor Schir Johne Ruthirfurd, Patry Leslie, Alexr. Gray, Dauid Andersone, and Schir Johne Striueling, notaris publict.

3d March, 1513.

The thrid day of March, the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} and xiij yeiris, Thomas Wod, bailze, deliuerit to Iohne Innes, on the name and behalfe of the haile townn, xl s. of his wattir malis of Done, to the bying of thar artailzerie, befor Master Duncan Chamer and Thomas Meldrum.

The said day, William Wormet deliuerit to the prouest xx^{ti} s. of his wattir maile, in the townes nayme, to by the artalzery.

17th March, 1513.

The said day, Patrik Lesly, Duncan Colisone, Mathow Branche, Gourane of Murray, and Thomas Watsone, was sourne be the gret bodely aitht to taxt and extent the sowme of iii^{xx} pundis Scottis money, to be given the gunner now being feit be the haile towne for the space of vj monethtis, and for the biggin and vpmakin of thar blokhouse for thair artailzerie. And the forsaide sowme to be taxt and extentit throw all the haile townn, and takin vp in continent alse possibile as it may be erast gottin. And the haile towne ordanit and diuisit Alexr. Gray and George Bisset to be keparis of the said money, and deliuer to the samyn to the said gunner, and for the expensis to be maid apon the said blokhouse, be the deuise of the provost and counsaile.

29th April, 1513.

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The said day, it was ordanit and deliuerit be the prouoist, bailzeis, and counsale, that Androw Cullane sall leue als mony ratheris as wilbe scaffalding to the tolbutht stepill.

2d August, 1513.

The secund day of August, the yer of Gode, j^{m} v^{c} xiij yeris, Androu Cullane, Thomas Waus, George Bysset, Jonhne Andersone, and Dauid Fynne, war chosin be the haile towne, prouost, baillies, counsale, and communite, tile extent and sett the some of xx^{ti} scorr of pundis to furnist xx^{ti} speris, ilkan speir to vj hors therof, iij ridand mene, and iij hors of caragis, to pas with our souerane lord in his weres in Ingland, for the space of xl dais efter thair cuming to his grace. And the vij day of the said moneth, the buk of the said contribucion was presentit to the haile towne, quhilk was set be the said taxtaris be thar athis. And therefter Walter Cullan and Malcome of Crage, with help of Andro Fyf, bailzie, was chosin and commandit gathir the said mony, to be distrobut ymang the personis chosin for the saide speris.

15th November, 1513.

The rest of the money and salmond awand to Sanct Nicholace, and compt thairof takin be the provest and auditouris, of Andro Cullane and Georg Bisset, maisteris of the kirk werk, the xv day of Nouember, the yer of God j^{m} v^{c} and xiii yeris.

This is the sowmes of money and salmand awand to Sanct Nicholace, of the termes bigane, to the xv day of Nouember, anno quingentesimo decimo tertio of thir personis vnder writin, that is to say, of thame that has pait.

The taxt of the justice air tane of Sanct Nicholace.

In the first, pait be Thomas Wod, viij pund, to James Colisoun, of the Martimes in anno vndecimo and Witsonday xii^{o}

Item, be Dauid Kintor . . .	v lib. vi s. viij d.
Item, be Georg Bisset . . .	v lib. vj s. viij d.
Item, be Patrik Chernsid . . .	vj lib. xiij s. iij d.

Sowme of this is xxv lib. vj s. viij d.

Item, pait to Sanct Nicholace werk be Georg Bisset, as Schir Wilzeam

15th Nov., 1513.

Couper and Andro Cullannis compt beris, of the yeir of God j^m v^c and xii yeris . . . . . v lib. vj s. viij d.

Item, fra Henry Reid, for vpputting of the weddercok of Sanct Nicholace stepill, as the said compt beris, ... v lib.

Summa huius xi lib. vj s. viij d.

Summa totalis soluta xxxv lib. xiii s. iiij d.

The rest awand of money to Sanct Nicholace of the water malis of Done and Crovis, be the personis vnder writin:

In the first, be the laird of Drum . . . . xx lib.
Item, be the provest, Gilbert Menzeis . . . xx lib.
Be Thomas Wod . . . . . xii lib.
Be James Colisone . . . xvj lib. xiij s. iiij d.
Be Patrik Chernsid . . . . . x lib.
Be Dauid Kintor . . . . . viij lib.
Be Bessy Blinseile . . . viij lib. vj s. viij d.
Alexander Irwyn . . . . viij lib. vj s. viij d.
Maddy Nicholson . . . . vj lib. v s.
Henry Reid . . . . . xxv s.
Georg Bisset . . . . . liij s. iiij d.

Summa huius j^c lib. xiij lib. x s.

The salmond awand to Sanct Nicholace at the xv day of Nouember anno quingentesimo xiij^o:

Item, Johnne of Cullane aw fif barellis of salmond: thairof he profurnist the gold for gilting of the weddercok.

Item, Patrik Reid au . . . . j barrel of salmond.
Dauid Straloche . . . . . j barrel salmond.
Dauid Stewart . . . . . j barrel salmond.
Iohnne of Mar . . . . . j barrel salmond.
Charles Stevinson . j barrel salmond restis in anno xii^o and iij barrel salmond in anno xiij^o

Sowme j last of salmond, j barrel of grissillis.

Sowme of the money rest awand j^c lib. xiij lib. x s.

Quhilk restis of money and salmond, the provest, bailzeis, and counsaile, ordanit Andro Fif, bailze, to ressaue and vptak the sammyn incontinent, and to pay the rest of the sowme of money awand to James Wricht, extending to xl lib. of the first thairof; fourty markis to be vptakin to mak

the provestis, Schir Johnne Rutherfurdis, and Patry Leslies expensis, that suld rid to Pertht, to commond with the qwenis grace and the lordis, for the weile of the realme; and the remanent that restis, the said twa chargis to be taken vp elikwise, and deliuerit to Androw Cullane and the masteris of the kirk werk. 15th Nov. 1513.

30*th December*, 1513.

The said day, it was statut and ordanit be the provost, bailzeis, counsaile, and communite, that quhen thair happinnis ony affray throu fyr or vthir accident, cais that na manere of man cum furtht of thar houssis quhil thai be abilzot in thar best array bodin forweir, quhen thai heir the warning of the common bell.

The said day, it was statut and ordanit be the provest, bailzeis, consaile and communite, that thair sal saile bot ix personis now in thir thre schips now beand reddy to saile, quhilkis sal leif nyne men for thame, weil furnist and bodin as efferis, to lot, scot, waik, and ward for thame, to be ressauit and admittit be the provest and bailzeis.

The said day, it was statut and ordanit, that all man duelland within this toune sal pas on Twsday that next cummmis, with the provest and bailzeis, to the linx, to devise thar bastailye and trinchis, and vthir fensabile wais, for defence of the towne, to the resisting of our auld enemyis of Ingland.

The said day, it was statut and ordanit be the provest, bailzeis, counsaill, and communitie, that all outburges sall come and mak personall residence within this burghe, within twenty dais heirefter, vnder the paine of tinsaile of thair fredome; and that na man duelland within this burgh mak him to remuif furtht of the samyn, vnder the pain of tinsail of his fredome for euer, and for all that he has of the towne.

The said day, it was statut be the prouost, balzeis, and counsaile, that ale freman of this burghe be weile bodyn and abilzet for weir in thair personis, ilkan efter thair degre and faculte, ilkan hawand ane speir, ane bow, and ane targe, with vthir defensabile wapins, the speir contening v eln and d., to remane within the towne for the resisting of thar ald inemeis of Ingland; and ilkan freman that falzies and remayn nocht personaly within

30th Dec., 1513. this burghe, sale pay viij s. ilkan day vnforgevin, to furnis vther personis.

The said day, it was statut and ordanit, that ale fremen within this burghe sale byg and vpmak thar fossis and bastulry, in xvj fute in lyngtht at the sandeness, and begyn thairto the fift day of Januar, and continew to Candilmes next therafter, to the completing of the samyn, vnder the payn of tynsale of thar fredome, landis, and gudis.

12*th January*, 1514.

The said day, the provest, bailzeis, and counsaile, conducit and feit Schir Johne Murray, sangster, to sing in thar queir and kirk, in messis, matynis, and evinsangis, and vther devin seruices, occurrand within thar kirk, as vtheris the choristaris and singaris dois within the samyne, at all his possibilite. For the quhilkis thai haue assignit to the said Schir Johne and be this present act assignis tene markis vsual money of Scotland, tharof sex markis to be pait to him yerlie of the malis of the fleshous, and fyfti schillingis to be takin vp yerlie be the said Schir Johne fra Garuane of Murray, of his wattir maill of the Crovis, and the remanent thairof, quhilkis extendis to xl d., to be pait to him of the commone purce. Quhilkis Schir Johne thai haue conductit for ane yer, fra the fest of Sanct Nicholace thar patroun precedand the dait herof, at the quhilk fest was the entrais of the said Schir Johnne to thair seruice. And the said yeir be runnyne and compleit, gif it plese the said Schir Johne to remain in thir seruice langer he sal haue the said x markis yerlie, sa lang as he remanis in thair seruice.

24*th April*, 1514.

Thir statutis efter following was maid and diuisit be the provest, bailzeis, counsaile, and communitie, for the reformacioun of certane necassar thingis to be had in thar modir kirk, to the honor and fre loving of God Almyghty, the blissid Virgin, and thar gloriouse patrone Sanct Nicholace, and for the keping of the toune fra strang seiknes, and specialie this contageus pestilence ringand in all partis about this burghe, and for the keping of the townn fra the ald innemeis of Ingland.

In the first, in the loving of God Almighti, the blessed Virgin Marie,

our glorious patroun Sanct Nicholace, and all sanctis, for the decoring and reparacioun to be had in our modir kirk in necissar and neidfull thingis thoucht expedient, and specialie in sang bukis for our queir, chantour, cappis, frontallis, towalis of the hie altar, for clathis, chandelaris of bras, lectronis of bras, westmentis and ornamentis pertening til the hie altar, chalis, mess buk, and all vder necessar thingis to the decoring of the said alter, kirk, and queir: it is diuisit, statut, and ordanit, that thar be takin of all schippis that passis furtht, or is fraucht out of this burgh to Flanderis or Zeland, of euery sek of woll or skinnis sek lik, and of euery last of salmond and hidis, tuelf grotis Flanderis money, to be ressauit and vptakin of the merchandis gudes that happinnis to be input and ladnyt in the samyn schippis, and to be deliuerit to ane collectour thoucht expedient be the towne to ressaue the samyn, and reman in his handis, quhilk salbe responsale tharfor, to be furthcumand to by the necessar thingis, thoucht be the haile townn, to decoring of haly kirk, as said is. And in euery charter party that happinis to be maid, that it be specifeit in the charter partie payand, to the collectour that salbe ordand, xii g. to Sanct Nicholace lycht; and that the skipper of the said schippis, to be frauchit, ressave and vptak the said xii g. with his fraucht, lelely and treulie deliuer it to the said collectour of the gudis being within his schip; and at his frauchting salbe sworne tharto. And this xii g. Flandris money, to gidder with Sanct Nicholace awin propir gudes, to be takin vp and put in the said collectouris handis for the space of five yeris to cum, fra the dai of the dait hereof. And forthir, induring the marchandis and tounis wil, gif it be vnderstandin be thame, the said gudis cummys to the profit of haly kirk. 24th April, 1514.

Item, it is statut and ordanit, fra thir furtht that na burges nor freman be maid for the said space, bot or he be ressauit in fraternite of the gild, sall pay ane Franche croune of wecht to Sanct Nicholace reparacioun of his kirk and queir, and to be input in the said collectouris handis, for the causis befor nemmyt, and of all craftismen and vther simple [ ] be composicioun to pay ane certane [ ] eftir ther faculte, as salbe aggreit with thame for the tyme.

Assua, that na vnfreman be licenc to saile in marchandice to na partis without that he pay to Sanct Nicholace werk, and decoring of his kirk,

24th April, 1514. twa Franche crownis of the weicht, for the space forsaid; and gif the provest for the tyme happinis to licenc ony to saile of his auctorite, he sal ansuer for the said tua crownis, and deliuer, or cause to deliuer, the samyn to the said collectour in firme keping, &c.

It is statut and ordanit be the provest, baillies, counsale, and communite of this burgh, that na maner of persone nor personis, fre nor vnfre, of quhatsumeuer degre thai be, of resset nor herbry ony manere of persone cumand furtht of suspect placis quhare this violent and contageous suord of pestilence ringis, nor na vder personis vnknavin cumand fra strang placis, without licence askit and obtenit fra the provest or bailzeis, vnder the pane of banyssing of the toune for zer and day; and or the said personis be lattin in, that the host of thar innes quhar thai happin to lug in for the tym, cum and ressaue thame at the portis, quhilk sal stand souerte for thame that thai ar clene, and the toune to be quhit of danger of thame, and that ane of the keparis of the portis of the tym cum and schaw to ane bailze and sic personis of the strangear, or he be lattin in.

Item, it is thoucht expedient, statut, and ordanit to vmbeschew the said seknes, that thar be bot thre portis haldin oppin for cuming of strangearis, that is to say, the Skulhill port, the Gallougat port, and the hil port of the Castelgat, and all the laif be closit, and maid vp for ane certane tyme during the townis will; at the quhilkis portis, and at euery ane of thaim, salbe tua keparis of sufficient personis with vappinnis according to thame, and that na boyis nor laddis be ressauit to that wache for fensable personis, to resist the incummaris and lurdanis that wald mak ony demand, and quhat personis that sendis sic vnhabill folkis sal pay an vnlaw of viij s. vnforgevin.

Alsua it is statut and ordanit, that euery bailze in his quarter cheise certane honest personis and famous efter the quantite of the quarter, and caus the samyn personis to be suorn the gret bodelie aitht, that thai sall lelely and treulie noit and vpgif all resittouris and herbrearis of suspect personis within this burgh, and all vther personis puuerale cumand within this burgh to remain furtht of landward that has nocht to susten one alsoft and how oft as thai happin to cum in, and that the ressauouris of the said personis be banyst the towne yeir and day as said is, and that na sic personis be tholit cumand furtht to landwart or vtheris remane within this burgh.

Alsua it is statut and ordanit, that all common wenellis, and oppin yardis quhar all personis has passag and common wyse of gangind throucht, within this burgh, in all partis quhar thai ar, be closit incontinent, and the saidis venellis and yardis mad wp, euery porcioaner, or awanar of the samyn, to mak his dikis sufficient, and big thar hed dikkis for the resisting of passingeris and strang pepill, and gif the lard of the ground refuse to big his dikis, that his tennentis big vp the samyn apon the lardis expensis, and to be allouit in thar malis, and gif the tennentis refusis, thai to be vpbiggit apoun the expensis of the land and malis of the samyn, be the bailze or officiaris of that quarter. And that euery bailze of his quarter pass incontinent and cause this statut to be fulfillit within xlviij houris herefter, vnder the pain of viij s. for ane amerciament, and the vpmaking of the samyn; and that all thir forsaides statutis be oppinlie proclamyt at the merkit corse, that thai may be manifest of the pepill of the toune. 24th April, 1514.

Item, it is statut, ordanit, and thoucht expedient be the provest, bailzeis, and counsaile, for the rescheving of this burgh fra danger of our auld enemeis of Ingland inuadand this burgh be manir of schippis or vderwais, that thar be nychtlie for this somere sessioun, gif neid beis, four personis, abill men, and furnist with vappinnis and geir, wachand, that it is to say, tua of thame at the belhouse, bezond the watter, to awaît and tak tent gif ony schips cummys apone the cost, quhilk sall haue fyr with thame and bekin and schaw to the toder tua that sall waik apon the castell hill or tharby, and gif thar apperis danger, or the said schips approchis, to mak fyr and ring the bell to that, and that the toder tua may be soueralie aduertist of the samye end, that the tan of thame cum and ring the common bell to walkin the townn for defens.

12*th May*, 1514.

The said day, it was statut and ordanit be the prouest, consaill, and communite of this burgh, for resisting of our auld inemeis of Ingland, that thar be warnyt nychtly aucht able men, furnyst with wapins, to waicht and keip the toun and the cost syid, iiij at Sanct Fethakis, bezond the wattir, and vther four at the Cunnynger hillis; and at thai haue rady with tham fyr and stuf to mak blaise, to warne thar marowis gif thai sal hapin se ony salis one the cost, ilkane to wther. To the giding of the quhilkis thair salbe warnyt, be the officiar of the quarter, a principall man, quhilk

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salbe ane of thir personis vnder writtin, that is to say, in the crukit quarter Duncane Colisone, quhilk sall begin and walk this nycht, William Porter, Alexander Gray, William Schesem, Thome Craufurd, James Colisone, Schir John Ruthirfuird, Alexr. Rudirfurd, William Wormet, and Johne Arthour; in the evin quarter, Iohne Colisone, Iohnne Cullen, Androw Cullen, Gawane Murray, Dauid Andersone, Mathow Brancht, Johnne Andersone, Johnne Murray senior, Walter Cullen, Androw Fif, Johnne of Murray zonger, Androw Litstar, Scharlis Stevinsone, and Dauid Kintor; in Futhy quarter, Johne Blak, Johne Kintor, Dauid Fynnie, Patrik Schirnsid, Thome Waus, William Rolland, Gilbert Menzeis, prouest, Johne Mar, and Dauid Steuart; and in the Grein quarter, Alexander Malisone, Thomas Chamer, Patrik Lesly, George Bisset, Gilbert Litstar, and Androw Stratoun. And ane of the saidis personis that is warnit be the officiar sall nychtlie compeir at aucht houris on the castell hill, with the bailzie and officiar of the quarter, and ryng the bell of the schapell, quhilk sal be callit the waicht bell, and thar sall exeme the said aucht personis warnit to waicht for that nycht gif thai be abill and conuenient thairfoir, and gif thai find ony unable of the said personis thar, thai sall fee ane able man, and gif him for his laubour ane Inglis grot, one thar expenssis that sendis sic unable men for tham. And the said aucht personis to be ordourit and sytuat be the said principall man, quhilk sal walk with tham in propyr persone. And quha of the said personis that remoffis and passis away fra the said waicht, or the sown rysing, salbe banist the toun for yeir and day.

The said day, thar was chosyne, with consent of haile towne, Johnne Mar, Dauid Steuart, and William Wormet, to be masteris of thar artalery, and to gid and keipe thar powder and wayr quarteris.

16*th June*, 1514.

It is statut and ordanit be the prouest, baillies, consaill, and haill bodie of the tounn, that the taxt set for the byggyn of thair blokhouse, cartis, and the gunneris heir, be incontinent pait, and that euery baillie sall pass throucht his quarter to euery persone awand thair taxt that thai stentit to, and requyr paiment thairof. And quha that faillies onpait within xxiiij houris, sall pay, for the ferst tyme, viij s. to the baillies for ane vnlaw vnforgevin; and for the secund tyme, thai being requyrit, the wnlaw to be

doublit; and for the third tyme, thair gudis to be eschit, and our souerane lordis letteris put to execution thairwpoun. 16th June, 1514.

It is statut and ordanit, that the trinches be maide sufficientlie, and that every man that hes nocht byggit nor completit, that the samyn be completit betuix this and Wedinsday nixt to cum, and euery man to ansuer to his awin pairt; and that euery man compeir upoun the linx efter noun, and that the samyn be maid knawn quha hes biggit and quha nocht.

17th September, 1515.

Statut for the electioun of ix personis to pas to the dukis seruice.

The said day, the haile towne, warnit be the hand bell and the officiaris, gatherit, representand the haill town for the tyme, and circualie inquerit, chesit Gilbert Menzis, Johnne Cullan, Andro Cullan, Johne Colisoun, James Colisoun, Thomas Waus, and Wilzeame Wormet, to be suorne the gret aitht to chese nyne personis, fensabill pretty men, to pas and mak the gud seruice, and to be nemmyt and chesin be thame.

26th September, 1515.

The said day, it was diuisit and thoucht expedient, for the trespass and offens done be Cristall and Paull, Densmen, be the counsaile, for the breking of the gunnys and cartys of the samyne, that thai sal amende the said cartys and gunnys, and mak thame alse gud as thai war aforr, and sal pay xl s. to the kirk werk and haly blud licht; and sal cum to morne at ix houris with twa candillis of ij lib. of wax, in thair handis, barhed, and ask the counsaile and gud men of the tounn, in the name of the prouest and haill toune, forgivnes for the strublance of the townn, and offer the said tua candillis to the haly blud licht; and sall ament Jonet Kintoris star that thai brak with stanys, and ask hir forgevnes for the falt done to hir. And this, for part of the amendis for the falt committit be thaim, and, for the quhilk amendis to be done, the skipper of the Dense schip come souerte be his hand vpbaldin, for the said men. And Halbert Strachan come souerte, be his handes and gudes, for the skipper, that the said men suld mak the said amendis, as said is.

19th October, 1515.

The said day, the provest, baillies, counsale, and communite, grantit,

19th October, 1515. gef, and assignit the rest of the tax to be takin vp of the ix furnist speiris that passit to the bordouris, at the dukis command, to the reparatioun and biggin of thar common peir and key, and ordand the samyn to be deliuerit to James Colisone and Wilzam Rolland, denys of gild.

24th November, 1516.

The xxiiij day of Nouember, anno millesimo quingentesimo xvj^to^, Patry Lesly eldar, maister of the kirk werk, grantit him to haue ressauit fra Johne of Cullane, thre barrellis of salmond, of the five barrellis abefor writin, awing to Saint Nicholace werk.

10th January, 1518.

The said day, the toone consentit and ordanit thair masteris of kirkwerk to translat thar [ ] and passag to the rudloft, and big up Sanct Nichell dur, and mak a fair wyndo in that gavill of thar croce kirk.

18th March, 1518.

The said day, all the merchandis of this gud toune present for the tyme, varnit be the officiaris to comper within thair tolboutht for the commond weill of merchandeise, and the most part of the samyn being gaderit and conuenit within the said tolboutht, with the prouest, bailzes, and consaill of the samyn, it being considerit and vnderstand be tham that the making of money fremen, brudir of gilde, and the legence gevin to vnfremen to saill with merchandeise, and ws and occupy the fredome of this gud toune, hes greitly hurt and skathit thame and thar priue priuilegis in tyme bygane, and in likwise preuiding and considering the greit vntollerable dampnag quhilk is abill to cum to the samyn to tham and to thar successouris, of thar awne fre will and motiff, all in ane woce, thai being circuler inquirit be the officiar, na maner of persone opponand nor sayand in the contrar, gaif, grantit, and assignit, and be the virtu of this present act gaif, grantit, and assignit, to thar patroune Sanct Nicholes, and to the repairing, biging, and vphaldyne of thar parris kirk in keipis, vestimentis, and vther necessar ornamentis pertening to the samyn, of euery sek passing out off thar fredoum and port of Aberden to Franche, Flandris, Estland, or ony vther part without this roualme, tua s. grett Flandris money, or the awail thar of in money of the cuntray thai cum to; for the quhilk the prouest, bailzeis, consaill, and the most part of the communite being present for the tyme, and

representand the body of the haill tovne, has maid statut and ordanit that thar be na maner of man maid burges of gilde within the said burgh except burghs sovnis, or tham that mariis burges douchteris, quhilkis salbe induellaris within the burgh or thai be maid, and find induellare souerties within the said burgh for thar continuell residence, and thai to be maid with the avise of the haill conseill or the most part tharof. And in likvise it is statut be the saidis that nane onfreman nor freman quhilk makis nocht contineuell recidence within the said burgh haue priuileg nor licens to saill thame self nor thar gudis out of the port, nor fredome of this gud toune, for na maner of request [ ] nor revart. And this statut to be obseruit and keipit inviolable for all the space of sevyn yeiris immediat folowing the dait of this writ; and gif it sall hapin the gud toune to brek thir statutis maid be thame for the commone weill of the samyn, thane the promese and grant of the said tua s. greit, maid be the marchandis forsaid, to be of nane awaill, force, nor effect, becaus the said grant was maid for the obseruing and keiping of the said statut; and gif the prouest quhatsumeuer for the tyme makis ony freman, or licenc ony vnfreman or out duellar to saile as said is, by the awise of the consaill, thane he salbe bund to recompense the skath and dampnag dovne to our glorius patroun for the breking of the said statut, as he will ansuer to God, the king, and the good tovnn. 18th March. 1518.

8th October, 1518.

The said day, the prouest, bailyeis, and counseill assignit and ordanit to be deliuerit to Schir Johne Cuming, thair chorister and player on thair organis, aucht d. of Sanct Nicholes braid euery Sonday, and euery principall fest, likas youll, pasche, thair patrounis day, Witsounday, and sicklike; sextene d. in likwiss, as vss was to be gevin to Sir Androw Cup, his predecessour.

11th October, 1518.

The saide day, Johnne Brabner promittit to the biging of the port of the Gallowgat ane chaldyr of lyme. Alex. Gray promittit ane vther chaldir of lyme to that samyn effect.

13th December, 1518.

The said day, the prouest, bailzeis, and a pairt of the conseill, assignit Schir Johnn Cumming, singar of thair quayr, and playar one thair organis,

13th Dec., 1518. for his fee, for his gud and lovable service to be done yeirly, of the mail of the croffis fiv merkis ij s. les, and the clerkship of the Castelgat quarter for vther fiv merkis, and four merkis of Shedesley.

11*th January*, 1519.

The said day, the prouest, bailzes, and consaill, with assent and consent of the haill comunite being present for the tyme, representant the body of the haill tovne, all in ane woce, nane gansawand nor opponnen tham, that to for the eking of thair merit, and in honor of God and the glorius matron Sanct Anne, gef, grantit, and assignit, and be this wricht gevis, grantis, and assignis to thar pure ladiis all and haill that pece grene land of tharis liand on the north syd of thar seikhouse; of the quhilk, the marchis efter folovis in the letterend of this act; and that at the instance of ane rycht venerable and worschipfull clerk, Maister Alexander Galloway, persone of Kinkell, quhilk promittit, God willing, to big and vpheid one ane pece of grovnd perteining to the said seikhouse, ane chapell and oratour, in honor of God and the blisset matrone forseid, Sanct Ane; and the gift, donacioun, and patronage of the samyne to remain and abide with the gud toune of Abirdene, and with thar successouris perpetualy in all tyme cuming. And for the mair securite of the samyn, thai ordanit thar commont seill to be affixit to thar said gift, and it to be extendit in the best and souerest fassone, can be maid befor this witnes, Master Thomas Chamer, Sir Johne Waus, Sir Dauid Waus, Dauid Loremar, and all the haill courte.

18*th November*, 1519.

The said day, Johne Alex. Rudirfurd, Willeam Rolland, and Patrik Leslie, balzes of this burgh, for this instant yeir in ane woce gaf, grantit, and assignit the aschatis, vnlayis, and amerciament for this instant yeir to the biging and completing of thar port of the Gallowget, for wile and honour of the gud toune.

20*th October*, 1520.

The said day, the prouest, bailzeis, and conseill, with consent and assent of the haill merchandis and brethir of gilt being present for the tyme, warnit personaly be the officiaris, ratifeit, confermit, and approvit the honorable and lowable statut maid be thame the auchtene day of Marche, the yer of God a thousand fiv hundreth and xviij yeris, tuiching the ij s. gret, to be

pait of ilke sek of gudis that sall happine to pass furtht of thar port of Abirden to Franche, Flandris, Danskyne, Denmark, or ony vthir part without the reaulme, providing all ways that thar be na freman maid brouchter of gilde during the space of seven yeiris fra the dait of the said statut, excep thai that ar contenit in the samyne, and in likwise that nane vnfreman be lecenc to saill him self nor his gudis for na maner of requist, price, prayar, nor instance during the said space. And givit sall happine the prouest or denuys of gilde to lecenc ony vnfreman himself or his gudis to saill, or to mak ony freman except tham contenit in the said statut, for price, prayar, instance, or requist, thane, and in that kaise, thai bind and oblegis thame be the vertu of this present act and statut, to content, refund, and pay to Sanct Nicholes werk tene pundis greit Flandris money for ilk tyme the said statut beis violet be thame, in all or in part. And attour, gif it sal happene the said merchandis, or ony ane of thame, be thame salf, or be thar factour, to failze in paiment of the said ij s. gret of sek, or of thar gudis corrisponding tharto, tha being requirit be the tovnis factouris for the samyn, thane thai binde and oblegis thame, be the vertu of the said act and statut, to content and pay aucht crovnis Scottis money for ilke pund gret, or xiiij s. for the franke, or according tharto of the money of the cuntray thai pass in. And gif it sall happin ony of the saidis brethir of gilt to gouerane ony vnfremanis gudis vnder callour of his aune or ony otheris, thai bind tham in lik wise to content and pay to the effect forsaid tene pundis gret vnforgevin; and this statut to indure, and to be kepit for sevin yeiris fra the dait forsaid, na maner of acceptioun to be proponit in the contrar; and quhai that violattis the samyn, in all or in part, to incure the indignacioun of God and our haly patrovne Sanct Nicholes, and pay the soumes abovne writing vnforgevin. Super quibus omnibus et singulis honorabilis Gilbertus Menzeis prepositus euisdem burgi a me notario publico sibi fieri petiit publicum instrumentum: acta in pretorio dicti burgi anno die et mense quibus supra indictione octaua pontificatus domini Leonis pape decimi anno septimo Presentibus ibidem venerabilibus et discretis viris magistro Dauid Menzeis presbitro in sacris letteris bachalario ac notario publico magistro Willelmo Philpsone dominis Dauid Wause et Roberto Malisone capellanis ita est Dauid Nicholsone notarius publicus ac scriba curie etc.

20th October, 1520.

13*th Januury*, 1521.

The said day, Maister Johnne Marschell, maister of the grammer scvyll

13th January, 1521. of Aberdeen, inquirit be the provest quhome of he had the said scoyll of Abirden. Grantit in iugment, that he had the samyne of the said guyd toun offerand him, reddy to do thame and thair barnys seruice and plesour at his power, and ranuersit his compulsatour of the Curt of Royme in all poyntis, except that it suld be lesum to him to persew the techaris of gramer within the said burgh afor thair iugis ordinar, insafar as he mycht of law. And that the towne kepand to him ald wse and wont, liik as thai dyd to the maister of the samyn in all tymes bigane.

24*th March*, 1521.

And in likwise the haill toun conducit and feit ane Flemyng, callit Henre Deyne, gunner, till clenge, graitht, and decht thair artailzery, and to wse the samyn at thair command gif neid for a monetht, contand xxx days for ilk monetht, for the quhilk tha sall gef the said gunnour five crownis for ilk monetht that he remayns in thair seruice.

7*th September*, 1521.

The said day, the balzeis chargit all and sindry inhabetaris of thar tovne of Futy, in generall and in speciall, that thai nor nan of tham tak one hand to pull, gader, nor away tak nane of the mussillis nor kokillis now begingin to gader one ane now skap at the northt watter, besyd the Cunningar hillis, for yeir and day, that the forsaid skap be perfectly growing, vndir the pane of banising the tovne for yeir and day oneforgewin.

13*th April*, 1522.

The said day, the provest, baillies, and counsell, and communite, all in ane voce, chesit thir personis vnderwrittin to sit continuale with thair provest, quhen thay ar requirit be him to awise on the necessar besynes concerning the guyd town, for the defence of the samyn against thair auld ennemies of Ingland, that is to say, Schir Johne Rutherfurd, Andro Cullane, Iohne Mar, Johne Collisone, Thomas Menzes, Dauid Andersone, James Collisone, William Rollane, and Patrik Leslie. And gif it beis fundin that thair be sic neidfull bissines that it behuvis the guyd toun to sett or formaile ony of thair takis, other of water or land, thai consent inlikwise that thair be furtht chosyne, of the nomer aboue writtin, foure personis, with thair provest, to sett or formail the said takis, for the commont weill of this guyd toun, as thai wul answer afor God, and at thair

be a commission maid to thame, to the quhilk thai ordaind thair commont seill to be appensit. 13th April, 1522.

28*th April*, 1522.

The said day, thir personis vnder writtin has tayne on thame to furness certane cartis, to the carting of the townis artalzery, that thai may be reddy in tyme of neid, eftir the auld rit and constitutioun of the guyd town, that is to say, the provest, a cart; the four baillies, a cart; Gilbert Menzeis, a cart; James Collisone and Dauid Andersone, a cart; Johnne Mar, a cart; Johnne Blak, George and Gamen Murra, and Johnne Andersone, a cart; Johnne Murray, Alexr. Gray, William Chesolme, and Andro Stratoun, a cart.

And inlikwise the provest and baillies hes chargit thir craftis vnder written, of thair awin consent, to performe and furneiss, as efter followis: The litstar craft, a cart; the baxster craft, a cart; the flesseris, a cart; the cordinaris, a cart; the tailzeouris, a cart; the hammermen, a cart; walkaris and wobstaris, a cart; and to mak and performe the samyn within viij dayis, under the peyne of xl s. vnforgevin.

The said day, it was statut and ordanit, with consent and assent of the haill bodie of the toun, that quhome it salhappin to be absent fra thair next wapinschawe, to be haldin on Furisday the first day of May next to cum, to be haldin on the Womanhill, at ix houris in the morning, at thai sal pay xl s. vnforgevin; and quhatsumeuer personis that beis fund in ony borrowit geir the said day, othir jak, splent, knapskaw, or ony other geir, the samyn to be escheit be the provest, and to pay the baillies vnlaw vnforgevin.

23*d May*, 1522.

The said day, Patrik Leslie, ane of this balzeis of the burght, fand ane bort in the handis of Dauid Heroun, officiar of the samyn, for him self and the rest of his nychtbouris, quhilkis had gudis in ane schip callit [ ] takin and arrestit in Byrowne. That the gudis now being in Abirdene, quhilkis [wer] inbrocht one ane Hollanderis bodum, allegit to be ane Franchman price, aucht to remain within the said burght, and to be arrestit to the said merchandis challance, ay and quhill thai get a souer certification of the

23d May, 1522. lordis quhidder gif the said schip was lauchtfull price or nocht, for and because the saidis marchandice gudis of Abirdene was takin and arrestit in Birown for the said schip and gudis, allegand nocht to be iust price for sindry caussis, quhilk the bailzeis chargit the said officiar to do as he wald ansuer one the executioun of his office.

26th May, 1522.

The said day, Eduart Cokbourne, and Johne Bartoun, procuratour, and Robert Bartoun, comptroller of Scotland, protestit solemply in jugment that quhat skaith the said comptroller and Edwart sustenit throucht the arrest laid one the gudis aboune writin be Patrik Leslie, Johne Chene, Johne Senzeour, and Johne Stevin, sald cum apone the said arrestatour, and for remaid of law, tyme, and place. And the said Patrik offerit the said gudis, and the rest maid thar one to be loussit, incontinent thar findand souerty, to do to him and his said complessis that law wald. And the said Edwart fand Gilbert Menzeis of Findoun and William Rolland cautionar to do to the said Patrik and his complices that law wald, tuiching the said guidis, and the said Eduart oblegit him to keip tham skathlis thairof.

27th May, 1522.

Be it kend till all men be thir present letteris, wss provest, baillies, consell, and communite of Abirden . . . for ane certane soome of numerit money, pait to wss at the making of this writ, to the bigging of oure blokhouse, bying of pouder, and paing of our gunneris feis, and vther sindrie besines the toun hes ado, for the defence of the samin agains our auld ennemeis of Ingland, now being in the sey with ane greit army, as we are souerlie informit, pait to wss be our louit Johnne Senzeon, burgess of the said burgh, for his grissoum and entress siluer, of ane half nettis fisching of the furdis on the watter of Dee, of the quhilk grissovme and entre siluer we hald wss weill content and pait, and quietclamis and dischargis the said Johnne, and Jonat Crag his spouse, thair aireis and assignais, and all vtheris quhom it efferis, for wss, our aireis, and successouris, for now and for euer. To haue set and to maill lattin, and be the tennour of thir present letteris settis and mail lattis, to the said Johne Senzeon, and Jonat Crag his spouse, and to the langast levar of thame tua, and to the said Johnes aires and assignais, burgessis and indullaris the said burgh, all and haill ane half nettis fisching of the furdis

on the watter of Dee, with all and sindrie pendiculis and pertinentis, use and wont; quhilk half nettis fisching vmquhill Thomas Leitht, burges of the said burgh, had in tak and assidacioun of wss, for the termes of our generall assidatioun, instant for all the termes of fiue yeris of our next generall assidacioun, and forthir for all the termes that it salhappin the samin till indur . . . The entre of the said Johne and Jonat, thair aires and assignais, salbe, God willing, in and to the said halfnettis fisching, vith the pertinence at the vigill of Sanct Androw, in the yeir of God j^m v^c twenty and five yeris, quhilk salbe the entre of our next generall assedatioun, and fra thinfurth to continew in peciable josin and bruikin the samin, for all the termes of the said five yeiris, and forthir during the termes of our next generall assedatioun, be compleit and fullelie runnin . . The said Johne or Jonat, the langest levar of tham tua, his aires or assignaies, payand to wss, our successouris or factouris, yeirlie, the soume of tua merkis vsual mony of Scotland, at tua termes vsit within burgh, allanarlie for all vthir thingis that may be askit or requirit of the said half nettis fisching, with the pertinence, during the termes of this our present assedatioun. And atour, we the saidis provest, baillies, counsell, and communitie, bindis and oblesis wss, our ayres, and successouris, to warrand, keip, and defend, all and haill the said half nettis fisching of the furd, with the pertinence, to the said Johne and Jonat . . . . In witnes of the quhilk, we haue causit our commond seill to be appensit to this present assedatioun, togidder with the subscriptioun manuel of our commissaris handis, at Aberden, the xxvii day of Maij, the yeir of God j^m v^c twenty and tua yeris. 27th May, 1522.

20th June, 1522.

The said day, Johne Tullideff wes in amerciament of the curt for the cruell strublance of Wat Wod, he beand in the townis seruice, ane of thair wachis for the commond weill of the samyn. And the said Wat quit of all strublance doyne to him, quhairfor the balzeis chargit thair officiaris that thai sald tak sourte of him to compeir befor the prouest and baillies on Mononday that nixt cummis till amend to the party, at the command of the saidis provest and baillies.

7th July, 1522.

The said day, the haill toun, warnit be the handbell, all in ane voce,

7th July, 1522. grantit and consentit that thair suld be ane commond tent and palzeon maide for the lugeing of the nychtbouris of the samyn now in tyme of weir; and quhat guyd way that the provest and counsall may find for the samin thai assent thairto all in ane voce.

10*th July*, 1522.

The said day, the haill toun, gaderit be thair hand bell, and warnit in speciall be thair officiaris, convenit within the tolbuitht of the samin, representand the body of the toun for the time, all in ane voce, considerand the gret expression and cruell displeasure doyne to thame, in the taking of thar nichtbour, Thomas Chalmour, burgess of the said burgh, vnder silence of nycht, he beand in the kingis seruice, and presoning and withhalding of the samyn be James Forbes of Auchintouill, Maister Wilzeame Forbes, Maister Alexander Strachin, and Johne of Ruthirfurd, with thar complesis, hes diuisit thair nychtbour, Duncan Mar, to pass to the gouernor and lordis of the realme, to impetrat letteris of justice and aggenis the said complaints; and inlikwyse till labour for ane liscience to the toune and nychtbouris of the samyne, to remayne at hame for defence of the said towne, baitht fra thair auld ennemeis of Ingland and ewill nychtboris of the cuntry. And failzeand at the said Duncan can nocht labour ane liscience to the hail toun, that he will labour to se and find quhat nomer the said toun may furneiss, sua that ane pairt ma remayne at hayme for the defence of the said toun, and ane vthir pairt may be providit to pass at the plesour of the gouernour and lordis of counsell. And thai ordanit Duncane Colisone, bailze, to deliuer x merkis of the rediast mony, beand in his handis, to the said Duncan, for his furnessing other of taxt wattir malis, or ony vther mony. And inlikwise the haill toun has maid the said Duncan thair commissar in that part, to compone for any certaine sovme of mony, for thair liscence to remayne at hayme, and ordanit ane commissione to be maid till him thairapone, vnder the commond seill, gif neid be, promittand thame till keip ferme and stable, and to releif the said Duncan of the soomes promittand be him, to the effect aboue writtin.

And inlikwise it wes statut and ordanit be the hail toun aboue writtin, all in one voce, na man opponand nor sayand in the contrar, that na nychtbour within this toun duelland, suld house, harbry, nor resett nayne of the personis aboue writtin, thameselff, thair horsis, nor thair servandis, nor sall

sell nor gif to thame meit nor drink, noyther for horse nor man, nor haue vther commounicatioun with thame of na maner of kind of merchandice, nor with nayne of thair complesis quhilks were at the committing of the said cryme. Nor inlikwise with the lard of Abirgeldy, nor his complesis, quhilkis hes maisterfullie spulzeit and away taken the nychtbouris horses furth of the fredome of the said burgh, vnto the tyme that thai haue maid ane sufficient and conding amendis to the guid toun and nichtbouris of the samyn, and at thai be liscence be the provest and counsell of the samyn till haue commounicatioun with the nychtbouris of the samyn, vnder the payne of tynsell of thair fredome within the said burgh, and all other priuileges or proffitis, takis or roomis, that thai haue or may haue within the samyn, and to be deprivit of the samyn incontinent efter thai be convikit of the said cryme. 10th July, 1522.

And inlikwise it was commandit and chargit Normond Leslie and Dauid Herroun, officiaris, be the bailzies, at command of the provest, counsell, and haill communite, at thai suld pass, forse, and seik John of Rurthirfurd, within the boundis of thair fredome, and gif thai culd nocht apprehend him thairin, that thai suld pass to his lugeing within the said burgh, afor sufficient witnessing, and warne him to compeir afor thame on Fredday the xi day of this moneth of July, to heir and see himself declarit to haue tynt his fredome within this burgh, and to haue forfaltit all and sindrie his takis within the samyn. And inlikwise to [be] maid inhable in his persoun to bruik euermair, tak or rovme, within the said fredome, for and because he wes principall takar of Thomas Chamer, nychtbour of the samyn, and of the presoning and withhalding of him.

The said day, it was statut and ordanit be the haill toun, all in ane voce, that all maner of man within this towne duelland, baith burgessis of gild and vther craftismen, quhilkis his buthis or office houses, that thai remayne commondlie in, that thai haue besid thame, in thair said offise howses, ane sufficient fensable wapyne, sic as ax, halbert, gedward staf, or siclik, for the defence of thair personis, gudes, and commond weill of the said burgh. And at the officiaris pas throw the said burgh, and vise and see gif this statut be fulfyllit ; and quha that failzies heirin to pay viij s. vnforgevin, to be applyit be the prowest and bailies at thair wull, to quhat commond

10th July, 1522. operatioun thai think expedient. And to releif to the provest and baillies incontinent, efter thai heir ony trubill or debait rysing in the said burgh.

15th August, 1522.

The xv day of August, and yeir afor writtin, the haill toun gadderit be thair hand bell, and conuenit for the maist pairt for thair commond weill, for the outred of ane somne of money extending to vij lib. Scottis, for ane liscence to be haid to byd at hayme fra this oist now set to conueyne the first day of September on Rosling Muyr. The quhilk personis beand circualie inquerit be the officiar, all in ane voce that wes present for the tyme, accept thir names that efter sall follow, grantit to the paiment of the said sovme, gif that thai culd do na bettyr, and inlikwise consentit and grantit to mak ane commissioun vnder thair commond seill, with power to Johne Mar and Maister Dauid Nicholsone, thair commissaris in that part, to pass to my lord gouernour, and se quhat thai mycht get downe of the said soume, and to compone for the samyn, and als to se quhow lang liscence thai suld haue for the said mony paying, and gif this oist now sturit zeid nocht furhtt to na set fedill, thai to haue thair mony againe, and this with the consent of all thir personis efter following that wes present for the tyme: that is to say, Johne Colisone, provest, Gilbert Menzes, Andro Cullan, James Colasoun, Thomas Chavmer, Robert Moyses, Willzeam Rolland, Dauid Anderson, Alex. Gray, J. Ruthirfurd, Walter Cullan, Johne Cheyne, Mr. Andro Tulidef, Gavuen Murra, Dauid Lambe, Mathew Branche, Johne Arthour, Wilzeam Chesolme, J. Murra, Andro Crawfuird, John Murra, Thom Craufuird, Rechert Vause, Johne Andersoun, Andro Stratoun, Alex. Kintor, Sandy Gray, Nichol Baxster, James Fentonn, Adam Weir, Duncan Mar, Johne Kennerty, Andro Andersonn, Wilzeam Abirdoir, Gilbert Litster, Dauid Paip, Johne Mair, Wm. Annan, Andro Lousoun, Wm. Kemp, Andro Gray, Ranald Andersoun, Johne Sevin, Johne Brabner, Robert Cultis, Johne Rethe, Andro Tailzeoir, Johne Ross, Johne Brabray, James Noyne, George Crag, Johne Walkar, Johne Vschir, Wm. King, Sande Tulideff, William Buchan, William Smyth, Wm. Blinseill, Duncan Andersoun, Johne Cristeson, Duncan Bisschop, Johne Leslie, cuper, Dauid Crommy, Sande Anderson, Sande Anderson, saulter, Dauid Brvce, Dauid Mar, James Johnston, Johne Elleiss, Sande Scot, William Mathow, Wm. Gray, riddell, Wm. Wat-

soun, Nichol Cussing, Sande Barnys, Sande Barbour, Johne Huntar, Adam Valcer, Thom Breichin, James Pantoun, Sande Nory, Johne Graim, Dauid Bannerman, Wat Craufuird, Andro Tailzeour, Dauid Murra, Johne Blak, Robert Blak, Johne Hay, Johne Andersonn, George Bissat, Robert Wod, Wat Ancroft, Alex. Nicholsoun, Duncan Porter, Androw Craufurd, Johne Murra in the Castelget, Johne Kintor, Sande Andersoun, Sande Tulidef, Wm. Jakis, Symond Flesser, Johne Senzeour, Thom Blak, Will. Andersoun, Thom Andersoun, and Thom Watsoun. And thir ar the names that refused to pay thair part of the said taxt, but said thai wauld pass furtht to the said oist: that is to say, Johne Malisone, Johne Craik, Robert Smyth, Jo, Wilzeamsone, Patrik Wod, and Dauid Criste. And inlikwise the haill toun chesit thir personis efter following to set and extent the said taxt efter thair sawll and conscience: that is to say, Dauid Andersoun, Walter Cullan, Gawan Murra, Johne Arthour, and Andro Stratoun. 15th August, 1522.

15*th September*, 1522.

The said day, it was statut and ordanit be the baillies and counsell, present for the tyme, that whatsomever nichtbour disobeit the command menstrallis in the gevin of them thair meit and wagis, as thar fee to thame, efter the forme of the auld lowable wss of this burch, that thai suld pay to the bailleis, unlaw viii sh. unforgevin, and tua shillings to the said menstrallis for thair dais cost; and gif ther be ony puyr folks at ar not abill till gif thame meit, that thai gif thame ii d. to thair fee and costis.

19*th September*, 1522.

The said day, ane rycht worschipfull clerk, Maister Alex. Galloway, person of Kinkell, exponit to the prouest and bailzeis quhow Gelis Monro and his complecis tuk one hand to vphaue the sentrice of the brig to the samyn, quhilk the spat haid brocht dovne incontinent, quhow sovne he mycht gudly, for ane France crovne of gold promest to him be the said persone; and that, in the said Gelis defalt, the said sentrice ar broking, spylt, and away to the see haid, in gret skayth and damag of that noble wark; the quhilk skayth extendis to ane hundreth pundis, with the mair; quhilk conditioun the said Gelis denyit, and the bailzeis assignit Monunday that nixt cumis to the forsaid persone to preif his said allegeance, &c.

15th January, 1523.

15*th January*, 1523.

The saide day, the prouest, bailzeis, and consaill, being present for the tyme, grantit in jugment that thai haid causit Dauid Andersone, thair maister of kirkwark and dayne of gild for this instant yeir, to cause be bocht be the saycht of William Cristell, burges of Deip, factour to this gud toun in a pairt, and to the said David of Alex. Nicholsone, and Alex. Andersone, burges of the said gud toun, ane pece of artellery of brass, of xxiiij futt, with fifty irne bowlis, according to the samyn, and ane barrel of powder, to be send hame and anentourit one the tounis awentour ham in the said Dauid schip, callit the Nicholles; and the said pice of artillery, with the furnesing of the samyn, and the berrell of povder forsaid, to be boucht with the radiest siluer that the said maister of kirkwark had in Deip, that is to say Sanct Nicholes siluer, and quhar it wanttis that thair is nocht of the said siluer to furness the samyn, the said Dauid to cause his said factouris William Crystell to furness the samyn of the said Dauid awne propyr gudis; for the quhilkis, the saidis prouest, bailzeis, and consaill present for the tyme, in name and behalf of this gud tovne, and for the commont weill of the samyn, bindis and oblegis thame and thair successouris to frie, relief, and discharge the said Dauid of samekle as he debursis of Sanct Nicholes thar patronis money, at the handis of all men havand entres thairto; and inlikwise to content and thankfully pay to the said Dauid his ayris, or assignays, the sovme that beis debursit of his awne propyr gudis, to the effect abovne writtin, within xx dayis efter certificatioun cumis ham in Aberdein of the pament and neid of the sammyn.

17*th April*, 1523.

The said day, the provest and consaill chargit thair officiaris to pass throcht all the said burght, and charge all maner of nychtbouris and fremen of the samyn to pass and repair and mend thair pairt of the bastale, and thai that hes nocht begit to big thair pairt of new, vnder the pane of tinsell of thair fredoum, and that betuix this and the nixt wapinschawingis.

31*st October*, 1523.

The said day, all the toun, warnit be the handbell to convein within the tolbuith of the said burghe, for the commont weill of the saim, and the maist pairt beand convenit for the tyme, and thair it was schavin to thame

be ane honorabill man, Johne Collisone, quhow thair provest wes trublit and chargit to remayne in Edinburgh for the furnessing of thair carris, horsis, and men, vnder the payne of tynsell lif, land, and guyd; and at thair wantit ane great pairt of the said carris, horsis, and the laif inlaikit expenssis, the quhilk the said provest behuyid to furnish the hail nomer furtht, and gif thaim expenssis that wantet, to his gret skaitht. Quharfor the said Johne producit in jugment our souerane lordis letteris, chargand the taxtaris chosyne and suorne afor to convein agane and filfurtht the hail nomer of their carris, horsis, and caus euerilk man that had horsis thair to send sufficient furnessing and expensis to thaim for the releving of thair said provest, vnder the panys contenit in the said letteris. And thairefter the said Johne requirit all the foure baillies to cause the said taxtaris to convein incontinent to the said effect, as they wald ansuer in the execution of their office. And incontinent the bailzeis chargit al the said taxtaris to pass incontinent and mak ane end or thai depairtit, of thair said taxt, certefeand thame, that and ony skaitht come throw the want of the said furnessing, that it suld come on thame, and nocht on the said baillies, in tyme to cum. And the said Johne requirit the said baillies to indorse the said letteris, and deliuer thame him agane, befor witnes, honorable men, Schir Androw Scherar, vicar of Nig; Mr. Gilbert Straichin; Schir Dauid Leis; Schir Johne Buchane; and Schir Dauid Lorimer, notar public, with vtheris diuerse. 31st October. 1523.

27*th November*, 1523.

The said day, Master Johne Marschel, master of the gramar skull of Abirden, grantit in jugment that he had offendit to his masteris of the towne, and besoucht tham to pardone him, and confessit thaim that he haid the schoull of thame, and suld hald the samyn lik as his predicessouris haid downe in tyme bigane; and the prouest, in nayme of the haile toune, ressauit him thankfully, permittand to be him a gud master in tyme cuming, he being than a gud seruand, as accordis him to do.

16*th March*, 1524.

The xvi of Marche, anno quo supra, it was thocht expedient be prouest, bailzes, and sa mony of the consaill as was present for the time, because thai war informit that my lord of Aberdeen was nocht to cum afor the sanze, and that thar kirk had stand lang desolet of diuyne service, and this

16th March. 1524. haly tyme of Pasche quhilk now approchis, to send Thomas Menzeis of Petfoddellis, and with him thre horse in company, to my said lord of Abirden, to gett a commissioun from him to sum vther bischop to cum and reconseil the said kirk; and requirit the prouest to mak expensis thar one, and quhat expensis beis maid thar one, to be allowit to the saide prouest in his first comptis, notheles the suspendaris of the said kirk being charply persewit for the said expensis, and the gret iniuris dovne to the said communite, quhow soone and incontinent it be fund quha was the cause of the said kirkis suspending.

4th April, 1524.

The said day, the haill toune, all in ane voce, chesit thir five personis: that is to say, Gilbert Menzes, provest, Schir Johne Ruthyrfurd, Andro Cullane, Johne Collisone, and James Collisone, commissaris to the haill toun, to prouid and considder quhar money sall be gotten to outred and pay my lord Arskyn of his pentioun, and to outred and pay Patre Barroun, of the soume taxt on the said toun for wanting of thair carriagis, for the quhilk soomis our souerane lordis letteris ar direct, quhilkis hes beyne diuerse [tymes] present in jugment, to put the provest, baillies, and induellaris of the said guyd toun to the horne, gevand to thaim thair powar to set and prolong thar takis quhar they can be fund waikand for the outred of the samyn. And ordanis ane commissioune to be maid to thaim thairupone in the largest forme, chargand the keparis of thar commond seill to seill the samyn in dew forme.

The said day, the haill toun, all in one voce, ordanit and commandit the counsell of the samyn, present for the tyme, to pass and modefy the provest and Johne Colisonis expensis maid in their passing to Edinburgh, to enter and manteyne their carriagis, horsis, and futmen, furneist to the last oist. Quhilkis ryply avisit in the counsall house of the samyn, fand and ordand xl pundis to be gevin to thair said provestis expensis, and tene pundis to the said Johne Collisonis expensis, quhilk they ordand the commissioneris aboue writin to provyd for.

20th April, 1524.

Colinus Comes de Ergyill Dominus Campbell et Lorn etc. Justiciarius supremi domini nostri regis ex parte boreali aque de Forth generaliter

constitutus Vicecomiti de Abirdeine et balliuis suis salutem quia indictamenta regia deo duce sunt capienda de tota ballia vestra apud burgum de Aberdene die xi° et xii° die mensis Mai proxime futura cum continuacione dierum vobis igitur precipimus et mandamus quatenus summoniatis seu summoneri faciatis legittime et coram testibus legalibus sex vel quattuor personas fide dignas et minus suspectas de qualibet parochia qui comperiant coram clerico justicie supremi domini nostri regis uel eius deputatis pluribus aut vno dictis die et loco cum dicta continuatione dierum ad sursum redendi indictamenta regia de personis qui remanserunt ab exercitu regio per eundem dominum gubernatorem ducto apud Saluay in mense Septembris anno Domini j^m v^c xii et ab excersitu regio per eundem dominum nostrum gubernatorem directo apud Vark in Anglia in mense Octobris anno Domini j^m v^c xxiij° et ad faciendum determinandum id quod in hac parte juris ordo requirit et setis vos vicecomes vel ministri vestri ibidem dictis die et loco cum dicta continuacione dierum habentes vobiscum summonitionis vestri testimonium et hoc preceptum prouideatis etc. pro expensis dictorum clericorum quas vobis imprimis compotis de exitibus justiciarie reddendas faciemus plenarie allocari et hoc nullo modo omittas sub omni pena que competere poterit in hac parte Datum sub sigillo officii justicie domini nostri regis apud Edinburgh vicesimo die mensis Aprilis anno Domini j^m v^c xxiiij^to. 20th April, 1524.

13*th May*, 1524.

The said day, it was thocht expedient, and commandit and chargit be the prouest and conseill present for the time, that ilk bailze pass throcht his quarter, and cerse and seik all vnlauchtful nychtbouris, and cause all sic be removit the towne; inlikwise all begaris excep tham that ar natif borne within this tovne.

24*th October*, 1524.

The said day, the baillies chargit thair officiar to pass and charge all the pynouris that vsis till leid fulze to pass and clenge the kingis get and commond myddingis within the said burgh incontinent or euer thai do ony vthyr labour; and failzeing thairof, that thai tak thair horse and cartis, and cause the samin be donn on thair awin expensis, and thai to pay the baillies vnlaw, vnforgevin.

20th June, 1525.

20*th June*, 1525.

The said day, the prowest, baillies, counsell, and communite, present for the tyme, consentit to the ewynning of thair Castelhill, and dyking the same about.

The said day, the prowest, baillies, counsell, and communite of the said burgh, present for the tyme, consentit and ordanit Wilzeam, bonatmakar, to pass with thair hand bell throicht the toun yerlie, and to haue the samyn in office vnder Dauid Colp, for al the dais of his life, but ony impediment.

21*st July*, 1525.

The said day, the haill tovne, being warnit be thar hand bell, and present in the tolbuitht of the samyn, for the mest, and the auld statut maid for the ressayt and luging of strangaris, quhilk is contenit at lenght in thar buk of statuttis, being oppenly red in presens of thame, thai all, in ane woice, ratifeit and apprevit the samyn, and the pannis contenit tharin requirand the prouest and balzeis to put the samyn to dew executioun, as thai wald ansuir to God and to the king thar apone.

14*th August*, 1525.

James, be the grace of God king of Scottis, to our shireff of Aberdene and his deputis, and to our louittis Schyr Jhone Ruderfurd, knycht, and Thomas Menzeis of Petfothellis, oure shireffis in that pairt, coniunctlie and seueralie, specialie constitut, greting: Forsamekill as it is humelie meynit and schewin to ws be ane reuerend fader in God, and our traist consalour, Gawyne bischop of Aberdene, that quhare syndry strangearis and otheris within his diocesy of Aberdene, has bukis of that heretik Luthyr, and favoris his arrorys and fals opinionys incontar oure act of Parliament laitlie maid in our last Parliament: oure will is heirfor, and we charge you straitlie, and commandis that incontinent thir our lettres seyne, ye publise the saide act at all places neydfull, and tak inquisitione gyf ony persons be fundin within the sayde diocesy of Aberdene that hes sic bukys, or fauoris sic arorys of the sayd Luthyr; and that ye confisk thair gudis and inbryng the samyn to our wse and profitt, efter the forme of the said act, as ye will ansuer tharapoun: the quhilk to do, we commyt to yow, coniunctlie and seuerallie, oure full power be thir our lettres, deliuering thame

be yow deulie execut and indorsit agane to the berar. Gewin vnder our signet, at Edinburgh the sevint day of August, and of our regnne the xii yeyr. 14th August, 1525.

Ex deliberatione dominorum consilii. J. Chepman.

In the parlyament haldyne at Edinburgh the xvii day of Julij, the yer of God ane thousand, v^c and xxv yeris, the quhilk day it was statut and ordanit that forsamekle as the dampnable opinzeons of herecy ar spred in diuerse contreis be the heretik Luther, and his disciples; and this realme and leigis hes fermly persistit in the halie faith sen the samyn was first ressauit be thame, and nevir, as yit, admittit ony opinzounes contrar the Christan faith, bot evyr has beyne cleyne of all sic filth and vice, therfor, that na manner of persone strengear, nor other that hapnys to arrife with thair schippys within ony port of this realme, bring with thame ony bukys or verkys of the saide Lutheris, his disciplis or seruandis, desput or rehers his hereseys or opunzeounes, bot gyfe it be to the confusione thairof, vndyr the paine of escheting of thair schippis and gudis, and putting of thair personnys in presone. And that this act be publist and proclamit out throw this realme, at all portis and burrowis of the samyn, sa that thai may allege na ignorance thairof. Extractum de libro actorum parliamenti per me Gawinum Episcopum Abirdonensem clericum rotulorum registri ac consilii supremi domini nostri sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus.

2d October, 1525.

The said day, the prowest, ballies, and counsell, with consent and assent of all the haill communite, thei beand circualie inquirit be the officiaris, na maner of person opponand nor sayand in the contrar, maid, creat, and ordanit rycht honourable men, that is to say, Thomas Menzes of Pitfoddellis, thar prowest for the tyme, Gilbert Menzes of Fyndoun, Sir Iohnne Rutherford, Andro Cullan, and William Rolland, thair verie lauchfull and undoutit commissaris, to set and prolong all and syndrie their fischings and takis, baitht to burgh and to land, now waikind and beand in thair handis, to burges and induellars the said burgh now actuallie, and to nane uthers, and to nae maner of person quhilks wes art or part of the cruell murther, slauchter, mutilatoun, and hurting of their nychtbours, prowest, baillies, and officiaris, maid on thame under silence of nycht, be Alexr. Setoun of Meldrum, Iohnne

2d October, 1525. Leslie of Wardors, Willzeame Leslie of Bognhane, Alexr. Leslie of that ilk, thair sonns and ayris, complecis and pairt takaris, to the nomer of iiii^{xx} speris, or thereby, be solstation of Iohnne Collison eldar, and his complesces, with power to the saids commissaris to set the said tacks and fisching for five years immediat followand the vigill of Sanct Androw nixt to cum, and thair commissoun to be maid under thair commund seill to the saids commissaris, in the largest forme, to this effect: Promittand thame and ilk ane of thame to keip firme and staple be the fathis in thair bodeis. Witnes, Mr. Iohnne Merschell, Mr. Wm. Meldrum, Mr. Wm. Philpson, and Sir Dauid Lorimar, notar, with utheris and syndrie.

The said day, the prowest, ballies, counsell, and communite, ratifeit, aprewit, and confermit the statut made be thame the last day of September immediat gangand befor the dait heirof, promittand faithfullie to keip the samyn ferme and stable and inviolat in all tymes cummyng, be the treutht and faitht in thair bodies.

6th October, 1525.

The said day, the haill toun, warnit personalie be the officiaris, on the gild curt day, all in ane voce, baitht fre and unfre, obleist thame and ilkane of thame, be the faithis in thair bodeis, euerie ilk man be him self tuechand the haly croce, and inquirit to obserwe and keip lelelie and trwelie all and syndrie the statutis maid at thair command be the prowest and counsell aboune writtin, that is to say, for the reparatioun and upbiging thair portis, wennallis, bak dykes, and for zetts, witht all vther necessar waist placis, throw the quhilk thai may incur ony danger. And sicklik chargand Dauid Andersoun, thair maister of Sanct Nicholace wark, to deliuer all money he hes or ma get perteining to the Patroun, togidder witht stanis, lyme, tymmer, and uthir thing that he hes queir of, to the wpbiging of the said portis, and uthir places necessar. Secundlie, to haue [ ] personis to waitht therto baitht nychtlie, and that to be gottin amangis the haill toun, euerie ilk man his nycht about, and to ring the commond bell quhen thai ar persewit. And atoure to haue the stepill of the tolbuitht and Sanct Nicholace stepill daylie wachit, and to ring the bell quhen thai se ony personis cummand ridand to the toun. Item, to fe tua or thre gunnars for tua or thre monetht, to thair artailzerie, and young and able men, to get culwerings, cors bowis, and hand bowis, and wss schitting witht the samyn,

and siclik all that may furneiss to thame mak speris that wantis. And atoure to hald wappinschawingis euerie ilk wolk or monetht tuyss, as the prowest and counsell thinks maist expedient. And sicklik the prowest and his weil awisit counsell to mak billis of complaint to the kingis grace and lordis of counsell, for the cruell slauchteris, mutilatiounis, and hurts doyne amang thame under silence of nycht, be thair neychbours about, and to mak large expensis on the samyn, and to mak writtings in the best forme thai can to the lordis and men of gud in the cuntra bout thaim, to sey and feill thair minds to thaim and se quhome in thai ma lippin in. Thirdly, that na maner of person within this toun dwelland ressat or lugis ony maner of personis without the prowest lischence; and quhat sumeuer personis that beis suspekit to have ony suspek person within thaim, to have thair zettis and douris reddy oppin to the prowest and bailies to exerss the samyn and sic like, to keip the counsell of this guid toun, and warne otheris of otheris skaitht, and to be leill trew ilk ane to otheris, and riss with thair prowest at all tyme, for the defence of thaim self and guid toun, under the painis contanit in the said statituts, quhilk is contanit in thair books of statuts at mair lynth, in all and sindrie the pontis and artikillis forsaid, and this statut maid be all thair consents, and hes band and oblest thaim to obserue and keip the samyn, under all payne and chargis contanit thairin, befor thair witnes, honorable men, Alexr. Stratoun of Lowrastown, Gilbert Myddeltown of that ilk, George Gordoun in Byrnes, Andro Stratoun of Wagy, James Ogilvy of Mathers, Mr. Wm. Cheyne, and Sir Wm. Cup. 6th October, 1525.

The said day, the prowest, baillies, counsell, and communite, all in ane voce, chargit Dauid Andersoun, maister of Sanct Nicholace wark, to deliuer all mony, tymmir, stanis, lyme, and all other thing necessar perteining to the Patroun quhilk he hes quarof, and that to the reparatoun and upbiging of thair portis, and all necessar things within the toun for thair defence, offerin thame to keip him skaithles at al tyme; on the quhilk the said Dauid tuik instrument, that he wes chargit be the haill toun to deliuer the samyn, and that it suld nocht turne him nor his ayris till na preiudice in tymes cumming befor the forsaid witnes, and Maister Coppin Scheres, and Sir Dauid Lorimer, notaris public.

The said day, the haill toun hes continuit the said Dauid Andersoun to ramayne maister of Sanct Nicholace wark for this nixt year, and denis of

6th October, 1525. gild, fless pilsars, and other office that wes the last year to be continewit thair in this year into cum, and to be leill and trew thairto aifter the tenour of thair aitht.

The said day, Dauid Andersoun, maister of Sanct Nicholace wark, requir the prowest and counsell to sit down and resaue his comp of Sanct Nicholace wark of the five yeris bigane, protestand that gif thai did nocht, that he wes quit of the clame thairof in tyme cumming, and that thai suld haue na thingis to say to him nor his barnis anence the samyn in tymes cumming; and that becauss he had requirit thaim oft and diuerss tymes therto. . . . . And the haill toun chesit the personis wnderuritting to sit doun incontinent and ressaue his compt and dischargis him therof: that is to say, the prowest, Gilbert Menzes, Andro Cullan, Alex. Gray, George Bissat, Wilzeum Rolland, and Johnne Blak; the quhilk personis wes suorne into inquerit to the samyn.

21*st March*, 1526.

The said day, the haill tovnn, varnit be the handbell, and be the officiaris of the same, conuenit for the maist pairt in the tolbuith of the same, representand the body of the tovne for the tyme, all in ane voce commandit and chargit the prouest and consall to cloise the tovnn, and bred the portis of the same, and oupmak all wydis and waistis, to gar grant thair artailzere and gunnaris to the same, one the tovnis expensis; to set wechis baith within the tovne and without, to dellut thame fra thair ennemyes; and ordand the rediest of the tovnes gudis to be exponit one the same.

16*th April*, 1526.

The said day, the haill tovnn, beand oppinlie warnit be the handbell, passand throw all the toun, and circualie warnit be the officiaris, for the maist pairt all, in ane voce, consentit, ratefeit, and apprevit and ordanit the prowest and counsell of the said toun, or the maist pairt therof, to prowyd for ane honest propyne to oure souerane lord the kingis grace, now to his first commyng to this guyd toun. And to the lords and nobillis of his counsell, and for all other necessaris, according to the honour of the guyd toun, and to provid for expensiss thairof of the radiest of the townis gudis, that the guyd nayme and honour of this guyd toune, wone be ther noble progenitors, decad nocht in thair tyme.

The said day, it is diuyisit and thocht expedient be the prowest, baillies, and counsell of this guyd toun, that thar be propynit to the kingis grace, now at his first intress, in the first, sax potionis of wyne, or the awall of the samyn, in stark mychty wynes and small wynnis. Item, sax stayne of wax, xxxiiii lib. of scorcheatis, tua sed mettis, foure chaldyr of collis. Item, to the lordis of consale; inprimis to the justice, ane potioun of wyne; item, to my lord chancellar, ane potioun of wyne; to my lord of Anguss, ane potioun of wyne; and [ ] all wther in smallis, ane potioun of wyne. 16th April, 1526.

13*th January*, 1527.

The said day, the haill townn beand gaderit and conuenit within the tolbuith for the maist part, the prouest exponit and schew to thame quhow that the kingis grace with his lordis of counsaill ar to cum incontinent to this guid townn, to the haldin of ane justice ayre. Quhairfor he chargit all and sundry the nychtbours of the said guid townn, that nayne of tham satt thair luggenis and husis to na maner of man quhill the kingis suriouris cum, that the townn may knaw quhat lordis and men of guid cumis with him, and thairefter the luggenis and innis ma be sett to tham, be the awiss of the prowest and consall, to ilk man efter his awin estat. And alsuay chargit the stabillaris that thai graitht thair stabillis in the honestest fasaun thai can; and that thai haue corne and fodder to sell to furniss the said stabillis sa mony horss as thai will ressaue. And in likwiss he chargit the baxteris, flescharis, and brostaris to furneiss and decoir the said tovnn, ilk ane for thair awin craft, as wald ansuer to the guid tounn thairin; and gif thai war negligent in ony thing, thai suld nocht say that it was his falt, becaus he warnit thame in dew tyme, one the whilk he desirit instrumentis witness, Andro Cullane, Thomas Menzeis, Iohne Collisone elder, Maister Andro Tulidef, and Alexander Rutherfuird, with wtheris, duerss and sundry, acta in pretorio.

12*th February*, 1527.

Apud Abirdene xii° Februarii anno 1527. The quhilk day, in presens of our souerane lordis justice, and componitouris Willeame Leslie of Buchquhane, and Jhone Leslie of Warderis, obleist thame conjunctlie and seueralie to our souerane lordis the kingis grace for thame selfis, thair kyne frendis, men tenentis, seruandis, adherentis, and part-takaris, and all that

12th February, 1527. thai may lat, that thai nor nane of thame sall nocht molest, wex, inquiett, nor trouble the prouest, bailzeis, counsaill, communite, and inhabitaris the burgh of Abirden, or ony ane of thame, ony manner of way in tyme cumming in thair personis, landis, or gudis, utherwais than law will, vnder the pane of twa thousand pundis, to be aplyit to our souerane lordis use ; and gif it sal happen ony of the forsaid lairdis of Buchquhane and Warderis, thair kyne frendis, men seruandis, adherentis, and pairt-takaris, to mak ony truble or molestatioun to ony of the inhabitaris of the said burgh, ether within the samyn or outwith, the saidis lairdis of Buchquhane and Warderis deliuerand the persone or personis makand the said brak or truble to the prouest or bailleis of the said burgh, to the effect that justice may be done one tham, sall nocht incur the panis forsaidis. Extractum de libro adjornalis S.D.N. regis per me Nicolaum Craufurd de Oxen gangis clericum justiciarie ejusdem generalem sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus.

[On the same day, a similar obligation was come under by John Lord Forbes.]

1*st April*, 1527.

The said day, the haill tovne, bayth marchandis and craftismen, beand in the tolbuith, for the maist part consent and ordinit that the prouest and consall sett dovne and avisit with my lord of Aberdenis petitioun anent the intermeling with the brig, and gaif ane sufficient ansuere to him of the same, except Johne Anderson elder, quhilk said he wad nocht mell with sik materis.

The said day, the haill tovne, all in ane voce, thankit gretly thar lord and bischop of Aberden for the gret plesour and proffeit done to thame in the biging of the brig of Dee, and of the gret offeris promittit to tham be his lordschip, for the vphald of the samyn, and ressauit glaidly the saidis offeret, and promest to ane rycht worschipful clerk, Maister Alexander Hay, parsone of Turref, and commissar generall to the said lord, to awise with the said offeris to thar lawday efter Pesche, and then to give a finell ansuir to the said lord.

30*th April*, 1527.

The said day, the prowest, bailzeis, consall, and communite ordanit that

the Lord of Bonnaccord and his fallow be ansuerit of x merks of the fyrst fremen that hapynnis to be frathinfurht, becauss it is the auld wes, and hes bene usit a lang tyme of befor within this guid toune. 30th April, 1527.

8th May, 1527.

The said day, it was sufficientlie provin afor the baillies and a pairt of counsall, present for the tyme, be famouss diuerss witnes, that the Egiptiens tuk out of Thomas Watsouns houss tua siluer spounis, liand in the locker of ane schryne, quhilkis contenit ilk ane a wnce of siluer, quhairfor thai chargit Eken Jaks, maister of the said Egiptiens, to deliuer the said spovniss agane, or thane thair awaill, within xxiiii houris, becauss he ansuerit and come guid for his cumpany in jugement; and as to the money the said Thomas allagit tane away be thame, the bailzeis continewit the same, quhilk thai got na witnes to preif mair cleirlie. And atoure, John Watsoun, and his mother and serwand, was maid quit of all strublance of the said Egiptiens, and that was gevin for dovin.

3d June, 1527.

This is the ansuer of the tovnn of Abirden gevin to my lord of Abirdene anent the brig of Dee.

My lord, we your seruandis, prouest, bailzeis, consull, and comunite of Abirdene, hes ressauit your l[ordschipis] guid mynd, exponit to vs be your commissar, Maister Alexander Hay, persoun of Turref, tuching of your l[ordschipis] brig of Dee, fundit, biget, and endit one your grit, hie, and exorbitand expensis, for the perpetuall commond weill of the cuntra and of ws; of the quhilkis guid deid and mynd God eternall revard yow, for we ma nocht; and quhar your lordschip desiris ws and our successouris to be bundin to the ouphaldin of the said brig, it beand completit one your expensis, in the maist souer wise cane be devisit be wismen and men of craft in all thingis necessaris; and at your lordschip will infeft ws and our successouris in your landis of Ardlar, to be haldin of yow and your successouris in few, we ar hartlie contentit of the same, makand ws souer thairof be the pape, the prince, your chartour, and all wther handis necessar, for we desyir na inconuenient, bot to be maid souer; quhilk we vnderstand is your l[ordschipis] guid mynd. Nochtwithstanding, gif your l[ordschip] may eislie infeft ws in ony of your landis liand mair evnse to ws, or interchange the saidis landis with wtheris haiffand landis liand mair ewnse to ws, lik as

3d June, 1527. Rudrestoun, or ony vther sik lik, it var profetable for the conseruacioun of your said l[ordschipis] vark, and plesand, and ewnse; quhilk we refer haill to your l[ordschipis] plesour, besaikand yow to labour the same gif ye ma guidlie. And atour, we considerand the mony guid turnis done be your l[ordschip] within your diocy to your cathedral and vther places, and wnderstanden at your l[ordschip] hes na kyrk within your diocy appropriat to your mitar except our mother kyrk, we vald exort your l[ordship] to help to sum notable turne to be done thairto; to the quhilk we sall put our handis in the largeist forme be the sycht of your l[ordschip], that sum remembrance ma reman thairin of yow, lik as is of mony of your reuerend predecessouris, Bischop Thomas Spens, and Bischop Wm. Elphinstoun. In this cause, and all wtheris, referrand ws to your l[ordschipis] plesour, to the quhilkis we ar gritlie indettit, as knowis the grit God eternall, quhome mot conserue your l[ordschip] in sawill and body at your noble desyir.

Your l[ordschipis] seruandis,
Prouest, bailzeis, consail, and comunite of your burght of Abirdene.

The said day, the prouest, bailzeis, consaill, and communitie of Abirden, being present in the tovnn for the tyme, personalie varnit be thair officeris for the maist pairt, and generalie be thair hand bell opynlie passand thro all the rewis of the said burght, quhilk was sufficientlie provin in iugment, and thai being conuenit within the tolbuith of the samyn, for the maist part representand the haill body of the tovne for the tyme, all in ane voce, thai beand circulie inquirit be Dauid Andersoun, ane of the bailzeis of this burght, except the persounis of the quhilkis, the namis sall follow efteruart, consentit and assentit to indenter with my lord of Abirdene for the keping, ouphaldin, and conseruacioun of his brig of Dee for thame and thair successouris, sa lang as thai and thair successouris brukis, or ma bruik, peciablie the landis of Ardlar, gevin and assignit to thame be his lordschip; and gif the said land beis ouptenit fra thame or thair successouris, of law and ressoun, that thai sall be na langer indettit to the ouphaldin of the said brig bot of thair guid will and beneuolence, and with this conditioun that the mony and proffeit of the said land be put in ferme keping, to the effect of the ouphaldin of the said brig, and nocht to be exponit in vothir vssis, and at thair be iij keyis of the samyn, the chaptour of Auld Aberdene to haue the tane in keiping, the prouest and guid toun the tother, and ane of the principalis dekynnis of the craftis of Abirdene the thrid, and this band to be maid in

the souerest forme to the effect within writtin. Thir ar the namis of thame that dissentit to the making of this band: Alex. Ruthirfuird, Jhone Blak, Jhone Andersoun, Jhone Craik, Georg Bissat yovnger, Jhone Craufurd, Jhone Ratray, Androv Cosin, Androv Smang, Daue Bruce, Jhone Breching, and Sanderis Gray youngar. 3d June. 1527.

The said day, Gilbert Menzeis desirit instrument that the haill tovnn assentit to my Lord Abirdenis band tuching his brig of Dee, except the persounis aboun writin, in the consenting to the same. And Alex. Ruthyrfurd and Jhone Ratray desirit instrumentis that tha and certane wtheris dissentit to the said band. Witnes, the haill court.

8th November, 1527.

The said day, the provest, bailzeis, consaill, and communite of Abirden, beand present in the tovnn for the tyme, personaliter varnit be the officeris, and generaly be the hand bell passand throw all the rewis of the said brught, quhilk vas sufficientlie provin in iugment, conuenit within the tolbuith of the same, for the maist part representand the haill body of the tovnn, all in ane voce, thai beand circulye inquirit be that somera officiar, consent yit as abefor to bind thame, thair ayres and successouris, for the keiping, ouphalding, and conseruacioun of the brig of Dee, bigit be ane reuerend father in God, Gavane Bischop of Aberdene, salang as thai and thar successouris bruikis, or may bruik, peciabilly the landis of Ardlar, gevin and assignit to thame be his l[ordschip] for the ouphald of the said brig; and gif the sadis landis beis ouptenit fra thame be the law, that this band salbe of nayn availl frathinfurth, and thai sall nocht be indettit langar to ouphald the same.

11th October, 1527.

The said day, all thir personis vnder writin, of thair awin fre motiwe, will, one coakit or compellit be ony maner of persone, gaif, grantit, and promest the sovmis of money efter following, ilk man for ilk self, to the furnessing and bying of tua haill standis of clayth of gold: that is to say, tua chesopis, four tunnekillis, with vther small thingis efferand thairto, to the tua capis of claith thai haue gottin and bocht ellis, to the decoracioun and honoring of God, our lady, and thair gloriuss patrovn Sanct Nicholas, and all diwyne seruice within thair paireis kyrk: that is to say, in the first, Gilbert Menzeis, provest, tua lib. grit; Andro Cullan, ane lib. grit; Thomas Menzeis, ane lib. grit; William Rolland, ane lib. grit; Dauide Andersoun,

11th October, 1527. ane lib. grit; Duncane Mar, v s. grit; Duncane Collisoun, v s. grit; Georg Bisset elder, ane lib. grit; Alexander Ruthirfurd, v s. grit; Jhone Collisoun yovngar, v s. grit; Jhone Collisoun elder, ane barrell of grylse, &c.

13*th October*, 1527.

The said day, the maister of the grammar schuill exponit to the town that thair grammar schuill was decaden and abill to fall down. And therefter the provest, bailzeis, consail, and communitie, commandit and chargit thair maister of kyrk wark to big and mend the same one the tovnnis expensis, and that incontinent.

21*st December*, 1527.

The said day, it was devisit and thocht expedient be the provost, bailzeis, and consall of this guid town, that thar be takin ii tovnis of the best of the new wynnis, and put in ane sellar be thame self, to propin the kingis grace at his fyrst cumming to this burcht, and the laif of the lordis of his consaill, as for wax and wyn geir according thairto, tha continow quhill thai be forthyr avisit quhat sall be done in all sic thingis tuiching the saidis propinis.

The said day, the consaill ordinit that the provest suld pay the Lord Forbes his tovnn of wyne of this new wyn laitlie cummin, whilk tovnn thai promest yeirlie to him afore for the keping of the radis of salmont fische of Dee and Done within his bovndis, and that incontinent, and chargit the said provest to tak samekle of the readiest of thair commond gudis as wald set up the same agane.

12*th February*, 1528.

The said day, it was statut and ordinit be the haill counsaill present for the tyme, that gif Wille Lorimar, George Saidlar, Robert Cochrane, or ony wthir craftismen, beis fuddin gangand one the gait fra tene howris at ewin furth without lauchtfull besyness and erandis considerit to be ressonable to the counsaill, and beis conuiket thairof, to be bannest the townn one the morne for yeir and day, and that was gewin for dowme.

6*th June*, 1528.

The said day, the bailzeis commandit and chargit all and sindrie the hukstaris within this burght, presentlie in iugment, that nayne of tham tak one

hand to by butter, cheis, nor eggis, quhill it be present to the merkat, nor yit in the merkat quhill a xi owris afore noone, wnder the pane of escheeting of the samyn efter thai haue bocht it. And chargit all thair officiaris to wait on tham and the merkat frathinfurth, for the samyn effect, and gif tha se ony of tham brak ony of the thingis aboun writin, to tak it fra thame incontinent that tha by, and dispone the tane half to the puir folkis, and the tother half to thame self for thair laueris. 6th June, 1528.

3d August, 1528.

The said day, the prouest, bailzeis, and counsaill gaif, grantit, and assignit to thair lovits, Jhone Ratray and Gilbert Malisoun, thair Abbatis, out of ressoun of this instant year for thair feis, the nyxt twa fremen that hapins to be maid and desirit be thame.

5th September, 1528.

The said day, the personis aboun writin consentit to propin Maister Hector Boyis to his maister ack in theologie, with ane townn of wyne, gif he will bid quhill new wynnis cum hayme, or thane with tuenty lib. Scottis, to help to by him bonatis, quhilk of thame he thinkis maist expedient, at his awin plesour. And the said counsail to conuein this day efter nowne, in the prowest innis, to se and devise quhar this mony salbe esiast gottin.

9th September, 1528.

The said day, all the quhit fischaris, in ane consent, beand warnit to this day and conwenit for the maist part, consentit to gif to thair chaplane and ortour, Schir Alexr. Rossell, baith maisteris, skiparis, and seruandis of euery lyne, xii d. in the yeir, to be pait to him at tua termis, Witsonday and Mertimes, in wyntar, be ewinlie percionis. And the skiparis and maisters to ansuer the said Schir Alexr. of the said xii d. of euery lyne, for himself and the seruandis that ar in the houiss with thame, and for the wthir seruandis that ar in thair awin houiss be thame self to ansuer and pay the same thair self to the said Schir Alexr. For the quhilkis the said Sir Alexr. sall do dywine seruice wse and wont within the said kyrk of Sanct Clement, that is to say, tua messis euery owik, ane one Sonday, and ane one the Friday, lik as his antecessouris hes done in tymis bigane.

10th January, 1529.

The saide day, the hale tovne being convenit in the tolbuith one thair

10th January, 1529.

heid court, consentit and grantit, all in ane voce, to the seilling of Maister Johne Bissatis pensioun of ten merkis, gevin to him be the said tovn, for the weill of thair grammar skuill and thair barnis, lik as is contenit in thair band maid to him one the said pencione at lynth; and ordanit the keiparis of thair commone seill to seill the samyn band, in the best sort, with the tovnis commond seill, on the quhilk the said Maister Iohne tuik instrument. Vitnes, Andro Wod, Robert Wood, Gilbert Tulidef, Schir Dauid Lorimar, and Maister Johne Nicholsoun, notar publick, with wtheris diuerse.

25th February, 1529.

The said day, Jhone Ratray promest in iugment to cause warkmen enter to the Castell hill one Monnonday nyxt cumis, to grayth and dyik the samyn, the tovnn furstand him expensis to do the samyn, and Maister Androv Tulidef promest him xx s. of vnlawis to do the samyn.

7th May, 1529.

The saide day, the haill townn being convenit within the tolbuith, for the maist part be thair hand bell passand throw all the rowis of the toune, for certane actionis concerning thair commond weill, and tha being circularie inquirit be Duncane Mar, bailze, consentit and grantit, ilk man for thame self, and alse all in ane voce, to gif Maister Johne Bissat, maister of the grammar skuill, yeirlie and termelie, at tua termis in the yeir, be ewinlie porcionis, the sowme of tene lib. Scottis, to help to pay his burd aye and quhill tha prowid him ane benefice, peceable, of tene merkis Scottis, for all the dais of his liwe, for the rewill and gydin of thair skuill, teching of tham, because now thair said skuill is desert and destitut of barnis, and wilbe ane lang tyme or it cum to perfectioun, that he ma get mekle proffeit thairof, and ordinit thair band to be maid to hym thairone in the maist sour wise, in the prowest, balzeis, counsall, and communiteis behaffis, wnder thair secreit seill, hawand the strynth of thair commond seill.

7th June, 1529.

The samyn day, considering the hawy murmour one the belman be the landuart men, it is thocht expedient and ordinit be the counsaill, that Dauid Colp be warnit agane Furisday afor the counsaill, and at thair be ane mesour of irine maid to the belman, to tak his dwitie of the landuart men

of quantitie, as beis thocht expedient be the said counsaill, and he to tak na mair of thame than the said mesour. 7th June, 1529.

20*th July*, 1529.

The said day, the haill toun, present for the tyme, grantit and consentit, all in ane voce, to the walling of thair toun, and ordinit that thair sald be four marchandis of euery quartar, togidder with the dekynnis of the craft of the said quartaris, quhilkis sald pass this efternovne with the prouest and ane venerable clerk, Maister Alex. Gallaway, persoun of Kynkell, to pass and vesy the circumstance of the said toun, and devise quhar it mycht be maist speidfull and esy to begyne to fowse and waw the said towne, and to devise maisteris of wark bursouris, and quhar mony and furnesing mycht be gottin to the same. Thir ar the namis of the merchandis ordanit to pas as said is: in the ewin quartar, Jhone Collisoun, Androw Cullan, Thomas Menzes, Patre Leslie, with Dauid Andersoun, bailzie; in the cruikit quartar, Duncan Collisoune, Alex. Rutherfurd, Jhone Arthour, and Robert Cultis, with Duncane Mar, bailze; in the Grene quarter, Jhone Ruthyrfurd, Mathow Branche, Alex. Gray, and Georg Bissait, with Patrik Forbes, oailze; in the Futy quarter, Maister Androw Tulideff, Jhone Rattray, Jhone Malisoun, and Thomas Waus, with Willeam Rolland, bailze of the same.

And that efter novne the said personis, for the mast part, passit, vesyit, and considerit the ourgangand boundis of the said toun, and thair efter convenit in the provestis, and all in ane voce, except Androw Cullan, thocht expedient and necessar to begyne incontinent to the wawing of the same, and thocht expedient that the vicar of Nigg and Schir Willeame Couper sald be bursouris to ressaue and deliuer the mony to the effect forsaid, and that Thomas Menzeis and Maister Androw Tulideff, with thair guid willaris thay wald cheise to assist to thame, suld be maisteris of wark for thir tua moneth of August and September nyxt to cum, with the awyse and counsaill of the forsaid persoun of Kynkell, as principall directour and gydar thairof.

23*d July*, 1529.

The said day, the provest, bailzeis, consaill, and communite, present for the tyme, al in ane wouce, except thir personis, Patrick Leslie, Johne Blak,

23d July, 1529. Thome Blak, Jhone Chamer, Johne Andersone, Richert Waus, Andro Craufurd elder, Gilbert Hay, and Georg Crag, assentit and consentit that thair commont seill suld be affixit to the band and procuratory diuisit be the persone of Kinkell, for the wawing and fowsane of this towne, and ratifeit and apprevit the procuratouris, masteris of wark, and thresaureris schoschin to that effect, quhilkis accept and tak one thame the said office, proviand all ways that the saidis procuratouris and masteris of wark haue na powar to taxt the nychtbouris of the towne forthir thane thir plesour, to the effect forsaid.

27th July, 1529.

It is statut alikwyse, that na maner of nychtbour, within this towne duelland, herbery nor luge ony maner of strangear, of quhat degre or faculte thai be, except thai cum to the prouest or bailze and ask and vptene leif to luge the samyn.

And inlikwise if thai sall happin, ony maner of person, to be seik in this gude tovne, that thai send incontinent and auertise the provest and balzeis thairof, and that na maner of persone enter in this toune bot at the said portis, quhilkis salbe stekit at nyne houris at ewin, and opynnit at four houris in the mornyng during the symmer sesson; and quha sa hapynnis to be fundin in the calsay efter ix houris, that ar nocht to the vatchis of honest conuersatioun, that thay be takin and put in prisone quhill on the morne thay be deliuerit to the prouest and counsall.

And that all thir statutis aboue writtin be inviolably kepit, vnder the pane of banesing of the tovne, and ane byrne jrne to be put vpone thair chekis that brekis ony of the saidis statutis, na request to be heard in the contrar.

And for the furthfilling and keping of thir statutis aboune wrytin, and of this gude towne, because the baillies may nocht ourtak nor suffer the haile labouris to be continuallye present, the toune hes ordanit that thair be four habill wyse yong men in euery quarter, to help and suppley the bailze of the samyn, and to haue siclik jurisdictioun in the bailzeis absens as the said bailzeis has in this gude tovne, that is to say, in the ewin quarter, Johne Hay, Johne Murray, Dauid Errot, and Alexr. Nicholsoun,

and Valter Leslie; in the crukit quarter, Alexr. Gray, Johne Collison younger, Gilbert Malyson, and Robert Wod; in the Grene quarter, Johne Rutherfurd, Richard Wause, Mathow Branche, and Androw Durtye; in Futty quarter, Johne Rattre, Duncane Mar, Alexr. Menzes, and Johne Chalmer. 27th July, 1529.

The said day, the hail towne, warnit be thair officiaris in speciall, and in generall be thair hand bell, and convenit within the tolbouth of the same, for the maist pairt consentit and grantit, all in ane woce, to affix thair comont seill to the commissioun afore writtin, and inlikwise to the procuratory maid be thame for the wawing of thair towne; and ordanis the keiparis of the said seill to cause thar comont clerk seill the same, because thai thocht the same for the commont weill.

And attour all the nychtbouris of the said burtht present, in ane awoce consentit and grantit that every nichtbour within this toune duelling, suld fyne a man to laubour at the fowsseis of this towne anys ilk xx^{ty} dayis, quhen they ar requirit be the officiars, and failzeand that thai send nocht a sufficient man to the said labour, to pay viij d. for a seruandis fee, to the quhilk thai oblegit thame of thar awne fre wil and deliueryt mynd.

22*d October*, 1529.

The said day, it is devisit and ordanit be the provest and counsaill, present for the tyme, that Wm. Cuik, officiar, begyne this nycht at the nychtbouris quhar he left at the clangein of the locht, and warne ane of ilk house of merchandis and craftismen duelland within this burght, that is to say dalie, tua personis sufficient, that beis thocht sufficient and lauchtfull to the bailzes, to pas dalie to the brig of De, and ramane thair continualie fray vj houris in the morning quhill vj houris at ewin, during all the tym it hapnis this contagius plaige and pestilance to ring, for keiping of this guid tovne fra the samyn, and to lat nane our the said brig without testimoniall quhat place thai come fra, and that the officiaris present the said personis dalie one the nycht afor to the said bailzes, to consider quhidder thai be sufficient or nocht, and sua proceden throcht all the said contrai, and all the lafe of the said tone alse of as neid beis, and quha that be is warnit be the officiar and sendis nocht ane sufficient man, and beis conuik thairof, the bailzeis to fee ane man on his expensis, and alse to the bailzeis vnlaw vnforgevin.

10th Dec., 1529.

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Curia balliuorum burgi de Abirden tenta in pretorio eiusdem decimo die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo xxix° per honorabiles viros magistrum Andream Tulidef et Alexandrum Ruthyrfurd.

The said day, the haill tovne, varnit be the hand bell in general, and in speciall be the officeris, to convein within the tolbuith of the samyn for sindry and diuerse accionis concerning the comound veill of the said burght, and thai being conuenit, for the maist representand the haill body of the tovne for the tyme, the bell man and officeris varningis being lauchtfullie provin in iugment, the provest presant in iugment the copy of the obligatioun and band, desirit be my Lord of Abirden of the haill tovne, for the ouphaldin, mentening, and biging of new, gif neid beis, of the brig of Dee, quhilk band was opinlie red in iugment at grit lynth, in presens of the haill communite; and efter diuerse and sindry consultationis at this time maid, and at diuerse wthyr tymis afor, it was fundin and concludit be the haill communite, all in ane voce, being present for the tyme, circularlie and personalie inquirit be Alexander Ruthyrfurd, bailze, that the said band vas ressonable, and that tha vald bind thame and thair successouris for the ouphalding of the said brig, conforme to the said band in all punctis: quhilk thai ordinit to be seillit with thair commont seill, and subscriuit with the handis of the maist part of the consaill, and oblegit thame and thair successouris to keip the samyn one filit in all maner of tymis to cum. And atour the haill tovne ordanit that thair suld be ane kyst, denit in the souerest sort, quhilk sald haue four lokis and four keyis, in the quhilk the mony and proffeit that mycht be had of the landis of Ardlar, geuin to thame be ane reuerend father, Gauane Bischop of Abirden, for the ouphald of the said brig, sald be put and kepit in all tymmis to cum, to be appliet to the ouphald of the samyn, and to na wthir vse; of the quhilk, the provest sall haue ane in keiping, and the merchandis ane wthir, the maisteris of the kyrk wark the thrid, and the deikynnis of craftis the ferd. And atour the haill tovne chesit Wm. Rolland, Dauid Andersoun, and Sir Alex. Scherar, vicar of Nigg, maisteris to the said brigwark, and the guid man, Androw Cullan, to be bursour, to ressaue the mony to be deliuerit be my Lord Abirden to thame for the finale end of the samyn brigvark, and to outgif the samyn agane, conforme to the saidis maisteris of warkis tikatis, as salbe thocht be thame expedient, with powar to the said maisteris and bursour to gif ane acquittance one the sovme of thair ressat to my Lord Abirden or his factouris.

And onlikwise, the provest, Androw Cullan, Jhone Collisoun, bailzeis, and counsaill, being present for the tyme, sueir in iugment the grit bodelie ayth, the crucifixt being tuiching be thame, and ilk ane of thame, that thai suld neuer intromit with the mony nor proffeit of the said landis of Ardlar, noythir in all nor in part, nor yit apply the samyn to na maner of uthir vse except the reparing of the said brig, or to by land to be applyit to the biging and ouphalding of the samyn. And the haill tovne statut and ordinit that euery yeir, in the chesing of provest or bailzeis, that thai, and ilk ane of thame that sall hapin to be chosin for that yeir, sall sweir inlikvise the grit ayth, neuer to mell nor intromeit with the said mony but to the effect aboun writin. 10th Dec., 1529.

17*th December*, 1529.

The said day, in the bailze court of the said burght, halden in the tolbuith of the samyn, be the bailzeis aboun writin, in presence of ane part of the counsaill and nychtbouris of the samyn burgh, comperit worschipfull clerkis, Maister Robert Elphinstoun, parsone of Kyncardin, and Maister Alexr. Galloway, parsone of Kynkell, in name and behalf of ane reuerend father in God, Gawane bischop of Abirden, and exponit and schew opinlie, in plane court, how the said reuerend father, one his grit, exorbitant, and sumptiuiss expensis, had bigit of new ane nobill and substantius brig, dotit and finseit with all necessaris, our the watter and rywer of Dee, rynnand one the sovth syd of the said burght, for the commond weill, and specialie for the weill of the burgh of Abirden; quhilk brig and noble wark, completit and endit substantiuslie in all necessaris, for perpetualitie of the samyn, he, with express consent and assent of his deyne and chaptour of the cathedrall kyrk of Abirden, all in ane voce and consent, he had gewin to the provest, bailzeis, counsall, and comunitie of Abirden, togidder with the landis of Ardlar, with thair pertinente, liand in the schire of Clat, lordschip of Garreaucht, and shirefdome of Abirden, and infeft thame the saidis provest, bailzeis, counsaill, and communite, and thair successouris, in the samyn landis, with thair pertinente, be chartour and precept of sesing, in dew forme, vnder his avtentick seill and subscriptioun manuall of his hand, commound seill of his said chaptour, togidder with the subscriptionis manualis of the maist part of the channownis of the said cathedrall kyrk of Abirden, for the perpetuall mentening, reparing, mending, ouphalding, and gif neid beis, biging of new of the said brig, als oft as it sall

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hapin it to faill or decaid, in all or in part, in all tymis to cum, sa lang as tha or thair successouris, provest, bailzeis, counsaill, and communite, peciablie bruikis the said landis of Ardlar, one recouerit and ouptenit fray tham be the law; to the quhilkis the saidis provest, bailyeis, counsaill, and communite, had bundin and oblest tham and thair successouris, present and to cum for the tyme, be ane attentik band and obligatioun, wnder thair commond seill and subscriptionis of the maist partis of thair handis for the tyme, togidder with the subscriptionis of diuerse famouse notaris in the souerest forme. And thairefter, the said Maister Alexr. Galloway, parsoun of Kynkell, deliuerit and our gaif the said brig frelie, with the pertinente, to ane honorable man, Alexr. Ruthirfurd, ane of the bailzeis of the said burght, sitand in iugment for the tyme, togidder with the attentik chartour and precept of seising of the said landis of Ardlar, with thair pertinente, seilit and subscriuit attentiklie, as is afor writin, and ressauit be the handis of the said Alexr. Rurthirfurd the attentik band and obligatioun of the said provest, bailzeis, counsaill, and communite, seillit and subscriuit in dew forme, as said is, for the perpetuall mending, repairing, ouphalding, and biging of new of the said brig, als oft as neid beis, as said is. And thairefter, the saidis Maister Robert Elphinston and Alexr. Galloway, in name and behalf of the said reuerend father, dene, and chaptour forsaid, oblegit thame, that gif the saidis chartour and precept of sesing war nocht sufficientle maid and ditit at this tyme, to reforme and mak of new the same, aye and quhill tha war fundin and considerit sufficient be men of wisdome and vnderstanding; and olikwise, the saidis provest, bailzeis, counsaill, and communite forsaid, oblegit tham and successouris present and to cum, gif thair said band and obligatioun be nocht sufficient, to reforme, mend, and mak of new the samyn, aye and quhill it be considerit sufficient be men of law and vnderstanding, als oft as neid beis. And forther, the saidis Maisteris Robert Elphinstoun and Alexr. Galloway, oblegit tham, in name and behalf of the said reuerend father, dene, and chaptour, to deliuer to the saidis provest, bailzeis, counsaill, and communite, the haill process of the recognitioun of the saidis landis of Ardlar, quhow tha war recognest fra wmquhil Androw Elphinstoun, &c., togidder with all instrumentis maid to the said reuerend father or his predecessouris of the said landis, and all wther euidentis and documentis concerning the samyn landis, without ony langer delay.

9th January, 1530.

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The said [day,] Sir William Ray, vmquhyle chaplāne to our lady chappell of the brig of Dee, deliuerit in iugment to the bailzeis and counsaill ane chaleis of siluer, ane ymage of siluer of our lady, baicht ouir guilt; thre naipkingis, ane broodin and tua quhyt; ane altare towell, togidder with the key of the offerand stok, to be kepit to the vtilite and proffite of the said chappell.

12th Januury, 1530.

The said day, the provest and consaill ordinit thair thesaureris and deinis of gild, to cause, big, and mak an goif againe on the towne sid, as it was afor; and als ordinit Maister Andro Tulidef to ansuer Sande Tailzeour in all necessar thingis concerning thair knok and tolbuith; and ordinit the samyn to be alowit to tham be the auditouris of compt in thair nixt compts.

Penult February, 1530.

James Cheyne, procuratour to the lard of Abirgeldie, requirit Dauid Andersoun and Maister Androwe Tulydef, bailzeis, sittand in iugement, to mak ane esy gait and passage betuix the brig of Dee and chapell of the samyn, quhairthrow thai may eselye, without impediment, wyrk and lawbour thair watteris, protestand alwayis quhat damnage or skaith thai sustenit thairthrow suld cum on the toune and nocht on thame, and that in name and behalf of his master, the lard of Abirgildy, quhilk send with him seruand to that same effect.

13th March, 1530.

The said day, the haile toune, all in ane voce, chesit and ordanit Gilbert Menzeis, prouest, and Androw Cullan, thair commissaris to pass to oure souerane lordis parliament, to be begunin at Edinburgh the xxiijj day of Aprile nixtocum, and ordanit ane sufficient commissioun to be maid to thame vndir thair commoune seile. And attour ordanit and procuratory to be maid, vndir the samyn seile, to Robert Leslye, burgess of Edinburgh, and vthir tua or thre sicklik, salbe thocht expedient in the consall, coniunctlie and seueralie, with powar to substitut, to persewe the summondis rasit on the lard of Abirgeldy and his complicis, for the hewing of the bulwark of the brig of Dee, with cautioun to keipe stane and stabill, and

13th March, 1530. this to be extendit in the largest forme; and ordanit the keparis of the said seile to seile the forsaid comissionis.

16*th March*, 1530.

The said day, James Cheine exponit to the prouest and bailzeis that he was insert in our souerane lordis lettres of summondis as assistar and pairt takkar with the lard of Abirgelde, in the cutting of the bulwark of the brig of Dee, maid for sawite of the cheppale of the samyn, offerand him reddy in iugement to vndirlye ane assise of his nichtbouris, burgessis of this said burgh, and to mak ane richt large mendis be the sycht of the counsall, gif he had failit in ony poynt tharof. On the quhilk he tuke instrument at Maister Dauid Nicholsoun, scribe of our court.

The said day, the prouest, bailzeis, counsall, and commonite, present for the tyme, ordanit ane procuratory to be maid to Robert Leslye, with powar to substitut and persew the lard of Abergelde and his complicis, for the doune casting of thair bulwark, to be extendit in the largest forme, and selit with thair secreit seile.

27*th July*, 1530.

The said day, the towne haile beand warnit be the officiaris of the samyn to compeir within thair tolbuyth, for gude reule to be made to euade this contagious pestilence rengand in the contre, and they, conuenit for the for the maist part, statut and ordanit all in ane voce, as efter followis: in the first, that ther be alanerlie thre portis kepit opyn in this gude tovne, that is to say, the northest port of the Castelhill, the port of the Owerkirkgait, and the port of the Netherkirkgait, and that thair be put to euery port twa honest, treu, hable men to watche the samyn on day licht, ilkane abilzeit with jak and knapscall dense, aix or halbart, the quhilk sell stope euery strangear quhill they haue leif of the provest and baillies; and inlykwyse that thair salbe sex vther hable honest men to walk this gude towne euerye nicht in all the partis of the samyn, that na strangearis nor gangerallis cum within the samyn, and to quietlye auert quhair they heir noyis of strangearis or seiknes, and to auert the prouest and bailzes thairof; and that euerye nychtbour within this tovne duelland byg his awin bak dyk and cloise himself, and gif he faylzeis thairin, the baillies to cause it to be done on his large expensis, and all other waistis and opynnis to be

closit on the townis expensis, and ordanis the master of wark to do the samyn in continent, and the expensis to be allowit in his comptis. 27th July 1530.

29*th July*, 1530.

The said day, the counsall and communite of this gud tovn, present for the tyme, commandit and chargit the provest and baillies to graithe, clenge, and mak reddy all the artailzery of this gude tovn, and lay the samyn to the portis and vther places necessar, and that pulder, and al thingis according thiarto, be furnist and made reddy incontinent for the defence of this gude town; and gif it suld hapyn the Lord Forbes or his friendis to cum to the said tovn, with conuocatioun of the kingis leigis in ony greit nummyr vthyr thane thair dailye tryne, that the common bell be rung ther incontinent, and all the nychtbouris conveine, and stope thame to haue entress within this said burgh, except they leif their multitude, and cum with thair daily tryne forsaid; and quhat nychtbour that beis fundin absent efter it cum to thar knowlege the ringing of the commont bell, all excuse by put, except cruell and notabill infirmite, to be pvnist conforme to the statute maid thairupon abefor.

The town has ordinit this commissioun to be maid to Thomas Menzes, selit with the commone seile, of the quhilk the tenour followis heirefter:

Be it kend till all men be thir present letteris, wss, prouest, ballies, counsell, and commonitie of Abirdene, to haue maid, constitut, and ordanit, and, be the tenour of thir present letteris, makis, constitutis, and ordanis, ane richt honorabill man, and our weile belovit nychtbour, Thomas Menzes of Petfoddelis, our werray lauchtful and vndoutit commissar, actor, and procurator, with power to substitute ane or maa hawand siclike power as himself, gewand, grantand, and committand to our said commissar and his substitute our full, fre and plane power for wss, and in our name to pass to the presens of our souerane lord the kingis grace, to his lordis of counsell, and to all vtheris to quhom they sall think expedient, quhatsumeuer day and place, and thair to complene and regrait the cruell oppressioun, thocht felloun and slauchter, committit on diuerse and sindry nichtbouris of this gude toun, be Alexr. Forbes of Burghis and his complicis, the penult day of Julij, the yeir of God ane thousand five hundreth and xxx yeiris, and to persew justice of the samyn in the charpest forme; to delait and agrege the said mater in the charpast maner; to produce abefor our

29th July, 1530. soueran lord forsaid and lordis of consall the act of jornall quhair Johne Lord Forbess was actit for his kin and friends, gif ony of thame suld happyn to commit ony offence aganis this gude tovn, or ony nichtbours of the samyn, that he suld deliuer the committar thairof to the provest and baillies, vnder the pane of twa thousand pundis, and to persew justice thairof in the charpest maner, and generalie and sindry vthir thingis to do, exerce, and wse that we mycht do and we wer present in propir persoun, haldand, and for to hald, ferme, and stable all and quhatsumever thing our said commissar or his substitute, ane or maa, coniunctlie and seueralie, in the premisses ledis to be done. In witness of the quhilk to this our commissioun, subscriuit with the handis of our provest, counsell, and ane greit part of our communite, we haue appensit our commone sele, at Aberdene, the last day of Julij, the yeir of God ane thousand fiwe hundreth and xxx yeris.

11*th August*, 1530.

The said day, Androw Cullan, vmquhill provest of Aberdene, dissasentit that thar suld be ony of the tovnis takkis formalit for the defens of the summondis now cumin on the toune, be the Lord Forbes, the laird of Brukkis, and thair friendis, offerand him reddy to pay his part of ony resonable contributioun to the defense of the samyn, protestand what was done atour suld turne him to na pregiteise.

12*th August*, 1530.

Be it kend till all men, be thir present letteris, wss, prouest, bailies, counsal, and commonitie of the burgh of Aberdene, specialie and generalie warnit be the officiaris and the hand bell of the said burgh, and gaderit within the tolbuitht of the samyn, the commone weil of the said burgh be wss hard, seen, considerit, and vnderstand, in the defense of this gude tovne and nychtbouris of the samyn, cruelly inuactit at thair awin housis be Alex. Forbess of Brukkis, and the maist part of suyrname of Forbess, inuading the nichtbouris within the said burgh for thair cruell slauchter at thair awin housis, and atour . . . . wrang sinister informatioun hes impetrat letteris to call the provest, baillies, and ane greit part of nychtbouris of the said samyn burgh to vnderly our souerane lordis lawis in Linlithgow, the xvij day of August instant, for slauchter and mutilatioun maid on thame, as thai allege, for thir causes and diuerse vtheris conserning the commone

weile, your vniuersiteis sall, wit wss provest, baillies, counsall, and commonite forsaid, representand the haill tovne for the tyme, to haue maid, constitut, and ordanit richt honorabill men, and our trew nichtbouris, Thomas Menzes of Petfoddalis, Maister Androw Tulydef of Ranystoun, Alex. Ruthirfurd, and Henry Irwin, thre of our baillies for this instant yeir, and Duncane of Mar, burgess of the samyn, our uerray lauchtful and vndoutit commissaris, geuand, grantand, and committand to thame, and to the maist part of thame, our full, fre, and plaine power to set and formaile our takkis, baith of watteris and landis, and in speciale ane half net of the myd chingill of Done, now in the handis of Jhone Blak, to quhatsumeuer burgess and actuel induellar oure said burgh, one or maa, for the termes of xix yeris, or within, at the vigill of Sanct Androw immediat folloving the dait heirof, and that for the vptaking and inbringing of the sovme of twa hundreth pundis vsuale money of this realme, deuisit and ordanit to the furnising of the commissaris to pass to Linlithgow to defend and persew the truble and oppressionis forsaid haldand, and for to hald ferme and stabile all and quhatsumeuer thingis our saidis commissaris, or the maist pairt of thame, in thir premisses bedis lauchtfullie to be done. In witnes of the quhilk to this oure commissioun we haue ordanit oure commone sele to be appensit, day and place abefor exprimit, befor thir witnesis, Maister James Menzes, persoun of Dunnat, Maister Robert Menzeis, and Maister Dauid Nicholsoun, notaris publik; providing all wayis that our said commissaris provyd and find the esyast way the said sovme of money may be had with leist skaith and damnage to the said burgh, on the quhilk thay haue maid faitht in iugement in oure presens. The commissaris aboue writtin has set to Robert Blak, and to Johne Blak his fader, the halfnit of Done, quhilk the said Johne hes in assedatioun for the sovme of six scoir pundis, and to Johne Babner ane halfnet on the mydschingkill, for the sovme of four scoir pvndis; the entress of Robert and John Blak at the wigill of Sanct Androw, and sownar gif it sall happyn any halfnet on mydschingkill to wayk, and that for the termes of xix yeris immediat following the dait of thair entress. 12th August. 1530.

29th August, 1530.

The said day, Johne Senzour, accusit for the breking of commond ordinance and disobeying of the officiaris, as he that was warnit to the watche and keping of the tovne the xxviij day of this moneth instant, ansuerit, the actioun was greit, and desyrit ane lauchtfull day to ansuer to the samyn,

29th August, 1530. protestand quhat the bailzeis did procedand forthir in that mater suld turne him to na preuigiteis.

The baillies chargit Thomas Blair, officiar, to requyr and charge Johne Senzour, be his wand of office of our souerane lord the kingis name, provest, and bailzeis of this guid towne, to answeir for the breking of commond ordinance, because thay fand it suld haue nay day, and the pvnitioun of the samyn belangit to the commond weile of this guid tovne, in preseruing of the samyn fra plage of pestilence and fra the townis enymeis, quhilkis ar the kingis rebellis at the present tyme; and the said Johne being requerit anis, twise, thrise be the said officiar to deny or grant the said crime, and twichit be the said officiaris wand of office anis, twise, thrise, and peremptorily he wald noyther grant nor deny, the bailzeis chargit the said officiar to brek his wand in iugement on the said Johne, in taiknyng of his inobejdience and hye contemptioun of our souerane lordis auctoritie, quhilk he did in presens of the haile court.

And inlikwise Alex. Rutherfurd, bailzie, complenzeit in iugment that he was disobeyit, strublit, and mispersonit in the executioun of his office in iugement, of the quhilk the said Johne was accusit, quhilk ansuerit he wald noythir deny nor grant the said strublance, because he allegit that baith the bailzeis forsaid, and the haile court present for the tyme, had put wiolent handis on him, and strublit him hewalye, quharfor thay mycht nocht be nay competand iugis; and Alex. Menzeis, bailze, allegand that bot wordis of na verite, requerit Walter Sawany, officiar, to charge the said Johne be his wand of office aniss, tuise, thrise, and peremptourlye in our souerane lord the kingis name, provest, and bailzies of this guid tovne, to ansuer for the recent strublance, myspersonyng, and dissobeyng of the said Alex. Rutherfurd, bailzie, in the executioun of his office and in iugement, quhilk he refusit, and said he wald byd at his protestatioun; quharfor the said bailzie commandit and chargit the said officiar to brek his wand of office in iugement on the said Johne, in taiknyng of inobediense and hye contemptioun. And atour Alex. Ruthirfurd requirit the said Johne, in iugement, gif he was plentouse on him that he had offendit him in word or deid, by the ordour of justyce, offerand him thair reddy to vnderly the law, and the said Johne ansuerit he wald nocht complene at that tyme, bot protestit for remeid of law quhen tyme and place requirit; quharfor the bailzeis ordanit the said

Johne to be put in the stokkis, and kepit fast in the kingis waird vnto the tyme thai war awysit quhat punitioun sald be put to the said crymes. 29th August. 1530.

6th September, 1530.

Robertus bartonus de Ouirbartoune justiciarius et thesaurarius supremi domini nostri regis vniuersis et singulis ad quorum noticias presentes literae peruenerint salutem noueritis quod comparentes coram nobis in curia justiciarie supremi domini nostri regis tenta et inchoata apud burgum de Linlithgow die Mercurii decimo septimo die mensis Augusti anno Domini m° quingentesimo trigesimo Gilbertus Menzes prepositus de Abirdene Thomas Menzes Alexander Menzes Andreas Menzes Dauid Menzes filii dicti Gilberti Menzes Georgeus Leslie Johannes Cunningahame Alexr. Birse Alexr. Nicholsoun Johannes Wod Dauid Harot junior Alexander Menzes frater dicti Gilberti Menzes Wilhelmus Walcar Johannes Andersoun Jacobus Andersoun filius Dauidis Andersoun Alexr. Andersoun frater dicti Dauidis Andersoun Georgius Bissat Robertus Edindiaucht Johannes Vobstor alias Jamesoun Johannes Crystesoun Thomas Huntar Dauid Andersoun Willelmus Kemp et Alexr. Bisset indictati et per rotulos regios calumpnati de arte et parte conuocationis ligeorum supremi domini nostri regis ad numerum quingentarum personarum ex precogitata felonia venientes super Alexandrum Forbes filium et heredem apparentem domini de Brux die sabbato penultimo die mensis Iulii vltimo elapsi in villam de Abirdeine vbi dictus Alexander Forbes solus cum quinque personis existabat et cum fugando ad locum fratrum et ibidem ipsum per spatium xxiiij horarum obsidiendo Item de arte et parte crudelis interfectionis quondam Willelmi Muyr seruitoris dicti Alexandri Item de arte et parte demembrationis Willelmi Forbes sui brachii Item de arte et parte demembrationis et mutilationis dicti Alexandri Forbes sui digiti Item de arte et parte demembrationis et mutilationis Willelmi Forbess suorum duorum digitorum tempore supradicto ex precognitata felonia commissarum Item de arte et parte rapine equorum dicti Alexandri Forbes eodem tempore Quasquidem calumpnas prefate persone in facie iudicii omnino denegarunt et per condignam assisam quieti facti fuerunt penitus et imunes Et hoc omnibus quorum interest notesceamus per presentes In cuius rei testimonium sigillum officii justiciarie supremi domini nostri regis presentibus est appensum anno mense die et loco supradictus

6th Sept., 1530.

The said day, Faukland Harrot commandit and chargit, in our souerane lord the kingis name and auctorite, and be the vertew of his gracis letteris directit to him thairupoun, all and sindry nichtbouris and fremen induelling this gude tovne, to obserue and keepe all and sindry statutis and ordinances maid be the prouest and counsall, and with consent of the said nichtbouris, for the wetching and keping of this gude tovne baitht be nicht and day, fray this contagious pestilence, and fra all vther inconvenientis for the resetting and lugeing of strangearis, but lycence of prouest or bailzeis; and that euery nychtbour, baitht merchand and craftisman, haue within thair buthis thair vapynnis, reddy for the defens of thair personis and of this gude tovne, vnder the panis contenit in the saidis statutis, certifieing them that it is the kingis grace will that thai be put to cherpe executioun.

The said day, the haile tovne present for the tyme, all in ane voce disassentit that thar be ony pensioun in tyme cummand gevin to the Lord Forbess, or till ony vtheris for the keping of thair vatteris, becauss thai ar informit that thai that suld be keparis of the samyn, are principale destroyars and feschars of thame in vndew tyme; protestand solemptlie, that gif ony sic pensioun be takin in tyme cuming, that it be haldin as reif and blak mail, and for remeide of law, quhen tyme and place may be fundin oportune.

9th September, 1530.

The said day, ane worschipfull clerk, Sir Andro Scherar, vicar of Nig, exponit the prowest and bailleis in iugement, how that he had the kirk of Birss in tak of the chancelleir of Abirdene, and that Johne Rutherfurd had intromettit with the fruits of the samyn, and that for payment of the saidis frutis he had assignit to him the gudis send in Flanderis be the said Johne, extending to the sovme of fourty pundis greit Flanderis money, and in likwiss he had assignit and deliuerit to him the gudis, now being in the greit busche of Abirdene, for the sovme of thre scoir of crovnis of the same, to be payit Johne Meldrum in Deipe, on the behalf of the said vicar; protestand solempnitly, that gif ony man trublis the saidis gudis, quhairthroucht he gettis nocht thankfull payment of the summes forsaid, that he ma haue xvi s. for euerie frank, and x crovnis for euery pvndis greit, on thame that makis stopt or impediment to the saidis gudis, other in France or Flanderis.

14*th November*, 1530.

14th Nov., 1530.

The said day, Johne Andersoun was convickit in ane lacht of vj scillingis iiij d. to be doublit, because he was found in the vedding kirk dur with his bonat on his heid, quhilk was hallowit place and kirk, eftir the decernyng of the balzeis and the haile courte.

28*th November*, 1530.

The said day, Dauid Anderson, bailze, requirit the counsall and maist pairt of the communite of Abirdene, being conuenit within the tolbuitht of the samyn, gif thai war content that thar suld be ane wryting maid and send to thair provest, Gilbert Menzeis, exhortand him to proceid and solist the band deuisit be the kingis grace for thair securite betuix thame and my Lord Forbes, to be had on the tovnis expenss. To the quhilk thai assentit, and ordanit it to be subscrivit in Maister Dauid Nicholsouns hand, clerk of thair court, and thair commone seile to [be] affixit to the samyn; on the quhilk Dauid Andersoun, bailze forsaide, tuik note and instrument in the hands of the said Maister Dauid, present for the tyme.

19*th December*, 1530.

James, be grace of God king of Scottis, to our schiref of Abirdenie, and his deputis, and to our louittis falkland pursewant [ ] messingeris, our schirreffis in that part, coniunctlye and seueralye, specialye constitut, greting: Forsamekill as it is humelie menit and complenit be our louittis, the provest, bailzeis, counsall, and communitie of our burgh of Abirdeine, vpone the personis vnder wrytin, quhilkis, with thair complices, daylie inuadis, boistis, and persewis thame, thair freindis, and seruandis, for thair bodely harme and slauchter, to thair greit apperand skaitht, in contemptioun of our auctorite and lawis, and aganis justice; gif sa be, our will is heirfor, and we charge yow straitlie and commandis, that incontinent thir our letteris seine, ye pass and tak sicker souertie and lauborrowis of the saidis personis and thair complicis, samony as the saidis provest, bailzeis, counsall, and commonite, thair freindis and seruandis, will mak faitht to yow that thai dreid bodely harme, and gevis thair names to yow in bill, that thai salbe harmeless and skaithless of thame, and all that thai may lett in tyme cuming, but fraude or gyle, bot as law will; that is to say, of Johne Forbess of Petslegow, for him, his sonnis, and all that he or thai

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may lett, vnder the pane of ij^{m} pvndis; of Wm. Forbes of Toquhone, for him, his sone, freindis, and all that he or thai may lett, ij^{m} lib.; of William Forbes of Corssinday, for him, his sonnis, and all that he or thai ma lett, j^{m} lib.; of Alexander Forbess of Brux, ij^{m} markis; of Alexr. Forbes of Towes, j^{m} markis; of Maister John Forbes, portioner of Barness, j^{m} markis; of William Forbes, his bruthir, v^{c} markis; of Duncane Forbes, v^{c} markis; of the remnant of ilkane of his brethir, ij^{c} markis; of the lard of Echt, v^{c} lib., for him self and all that he may lett; of Henry Forbes of Kinellar, v^{c} markis, for him self, his sone, and all that thai may latt; of James Forbes of Auchintoile, v^{c} markis; of Ewill Wille Forbess, his bruthyr, ij^{c} markis; of Johne Forbess of Tuligony, v^{c} markis; of Malcome Forbess, for him self, his sonnis, and all that he may latt, v^{c} markis; of Duncane Forbess of Quyltis, iiij^{c} markis; of Maister William Forbes in Abirdeine, iij^{c} markis; of Patrik Forbes thair, iij^{c} markis; of George Forbes, his brothir, ij^{c} markis; of James Forbes, at the brig of Balgony, ij^{c} markis; of Androw Forbes, his brothir, j^{c} markis; of Johne Strathachin, sone and apperand air to Thomas Straquhen of Lenturk, v^{c} lib.; of ilkane of his fader brethir, iij^{c} markis; of James Caldell, portioner of Achintovle, v^{c} markis; of Thomas Dauidsoun of Auchinhamperis, v^{c} lib.; of the laird of Portarstoun, iij^{c} markis; of Alexr. Forbes, in Abirdeine, j^{c} lib.; of Duncane Forbes, iij^{c} markis; of Donald Makky, Johne Caldaile, Niniane Forbes, Johne Forbes, his brothir, ilkane of thame ij^{c} markis; of Dauid Dauidsoun, iij^{c} markis; of Alexr. Forbes, in Strathdee, iij^{c} markis; of ilkane of his sonnis, ij^{c} markis; of Wm. Forbes, ij^{c} markis; and of thair complices, ilk gentilman landit ij^{c} lib., ilk gentilman vnlandit ij^{c} markis, and ilk yemen j^{c} markis. And at ye charge the saidis personis and thair complices personalye, gif thai can be apprehendit, and failyeing thairof be opin proclamatioun at the mercat croce of our said burght of our schire quhair thai duell, to cum and find the said souerte and lawborrowis to yow, in maner forsaid, within sax dais nixt efter thai be chargit be yow thairto, vnder the pane of rebellioun and putting of thame to our horne; the quhilkis sex dais being bipast, and the said souerte and lawborrowis nocht fundin, that ye incontinent thaireftyr denunce thame our rebellis, and put thame to our horne, and eschaiet and inbring all thair movabill gudis to our wse, for thair contemptioun, as ye will ansuer to wss thairwpoun; the quhilk to do we committ to yow, coniuntlie and seueralye, our full powar, be thir

our letteris, deliuering thame, be you dewlie execut and indorsat, agane to the berar. Gevin vnder our signet, at Pertht, the xiij day of December, and of our regne the xviij yeir. 19th Dec., 1530.

Ex deliberatione dominorum consilii.

Memorandum, the xxii day of this instant monetht, the principale of thir letteris aboue wrytin war put in the commone kist of the tolbutht of Abirdeine, at command of the consall of the samyn.

At Perth, the xij day of December, the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} xxx yeiris, in presens of the lordis of counsall vndirwrytin: that is to say, ane maist reuerend and reuerend faderis in God, Gawane Archbischope of Glasgow, chancellar, George Bischop of Dunkeld, Gavin Bischope of Abirdine, Alex. Bischope of Murray, Androw Bischope of Caithness; venerabill faderis in God, Robert Abbot of Kinloss, Johne Prior of Pettniveime; nobill lordis, Johne Lord Erskin, Patrik Lord Gray, Henry Lord Methwen; Maister Richard Bothuill, Channovn of Glasgow; comperit Johne Lord Forbes, and gaif in his band, subscrivit with his hand, and desyrit the samyn to be put in the bukis of counsall, and to haue the strenth of ane decreit of the saidis lordis; the quhilk desyr the lordis thocht resonabill, and thairfor ordanis the samyn to be registrat in the saidis bukis, and to haue effect of thair act and decreit in tyme to cum, and letteris to be direct to command, and charge, compel, and distrenze the said lord for the fulfilling of the samyn in forme as efferis; of the quhilk the tenour followis: I Johne Lord Forbes, be the tenour heirof, becummiss souerte and lawborgh for myself, Johne Maister of Forbes, my sone, and the remanent of my sonnis, that Gilbert Menzeis, provest of Abirdeine, Alexander Fraser of Philorth, Thomas Menzeis, Androw Menzeis, and all vther the said Gilbertis sonnis, Wm. Lyonn, and the bailzeis, counsall, and communite of the burgh of Abirdeine, salbe harmeless and skaithless of me, and my saidis sonnis, and our seruandis, and all that we ma latt in tyme cuming, bot fraude or gyle, bot as law will, vnder the pane of fuve thousand pundis, to be pait be me to the kingis grace and his successouris, in caise I, my saidis sonnis, or our seruandis, or ony that we ma latt, happin to brek the said lawborrowiss in tyme to cum; and to the obseruing and fulfilling heirof lelelye and trewlye in maner forsaid, I bynd and obleisse me faithfullye, my airis, executouris, and assignais, to our souerane lord and his successoris, in

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the maist strait forme and sickar style of obligatioun that can be deuisit, but fraude or gyle; and for mair securite, I am contint that this my obligatioun be registrat and insert in the bukis of counsall, and to haue the strentht of ane dicreit of the lordis of counsall. In vitniss of the quhilk thing I haue subscriuit this my obligatioun with my hand, in presens of the saidis lordis, at the burgh of Pertht, the xij day of December, in the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} xxx yeris; and gif the remanent of the saidis lordis freindis findis sufficient sourte and lawborrowiss conforme to the deliuerance of the lordis of counsall now gevin in that behalf, the lordis dischargis the souerteis tane of thame obbefoir, and ordanis the last souerte to haif effect as said is. Extractum de libro actorum per me Gavinum episcopum Abirdonensem clericum rotulorum registre ac consilii supremi domini nostri regis sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus.

Memorandum, the xxij day of December, this letteris of band war put in the commone kist of the tolbutht of Abirdene, at the command of the consall of the samyn.

16*th April*, 1531.

The said day, Sandris Gray opponit iugement to the prouist and bailzeis how he and Sandris Knolls was chosen be thame lords of Bonacord, to do plesour and blythnes to the toune in this sessoun of symmir incumming, offerand alwais reddy to the samyn effect, for his part, to do all plesour to the toune efter his guidlye powar, thai findand ane marrow sufficient furth filland his part in the samyn effect; protestand alwais, gif thai did nocht, that he wald nocht except the said office on him, nor na part tharof, for this instant year, on the quhilk he tuke note and instrument.

The prouest exponit to the communite, present for the tyme, how he had the kings grace letteres under his signet, impetrat be thair awiss, chargand the neichbours of this burgh, that nane of thame suld refuss whatsomeuer office of honor thai happin to be chosin to the said communite, under the panis of tinsall of all and sindry thair takkis, and roums they had on the samyn; and inlikwiss how the prouest and counsall had chosen Alexr. Gray and Alexander Knollis to be lords of Bonacord for this instant year, quhilks has been an office of honor this tymes bygane, and inquirit at the communite gif they thocht expedient that gin ony of the saids

parteis refusit the said office, that our soureigns lords lettres suld be execut on thame in the charpest maner, quhilk the said counsall and commonitie thocht expedient to be done. 16th April, 1531.

The said day, Sandris Knollis exponit to the baillies and comonite, present for the tyme, how that he was chosin by the prouest, counsall, and pairt of the commonitie, as thai allegit, to be ane of the lords of Bonacord for this instant zear, to the quhilk office he was not able, as he allegit, for diuerse caussis; ane, because he was not present at the said election; ane other, because thair were mony others mair abil for sic office in the toune, and had greater proffite therof; thridly, because he had the kings lettres dischargand him of all sic thingis; nocht the less, he was yet redy to except the said office, gif the toun wald gif him the auld fee quhilk thai had wont to pay for the samyn, and other wiss nocht, protestand quhat beis done be the toune heirintill turn him to na progiteis.

17*th May*, 1531.

Decimo septimo die mensis Maij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo primo.

Be it kend till all men, be thir present lettres, wss, provest, bailzeis, counsaile, and commonite of Abirdene, to haue gevin, grantit, and assignit, and be the tennour of thir present lettres gevis, grauntis, and assignis to oure louit familiar seruitour, Alexander Monypeny, masoun, fiwe merkis vsual money of Scotland of yeirlye pensioun for all the dais of the said Alexanderis lyf, to be pait to him at tua vsuale termes in the yeir, Witsonday and Mertymes, in vinter, be ewinlie portionis, togidder with all and sindry commone warkis of this toune pertening to the said Alexanderis craft, he completand and doing the samyn alsweile and alsgude schaipe as ony vthir craftis men in the toune. And inlikuise, gif it sall happin ws to gif ony fee for the lufting and raising of the paithment of our kirk, we sall offir the samyn to the said Alexander afore ony vther. For the quhilkis the said Alexander sall daylye intend and aduert to oure brig of Dee bulwarkis and chappell of the samyn, and sall reforme all small faltis that sall happin in the said varkis; and gif thai be faltis that may be endit with less nor tva dais labour, he sall labour and mend the samyn on his awin expensis, how oft that thai sal happin in the saidis warkis; and gif

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thair hapynnis ony gretar faltis in the said warkis, quhilkis may nocht be endit with less than tua haile dais labour or aboue, than the said Alexander sall aduert oure maisteris of brigvark and ws of the saidis faltis, and sall mend the samyn on oure expensis. And atour we sall labour at all hawand entres to get an house and yard to the said Alexander to remane daylye and duell alse ewise to the said brig wark as may be gudlye found, the said Alexander payand yeirlie the maile thairof; and the said Alexander sall nocht depart nor pass away fra the said wark at anay tyme, without speciale lycence [askit] and vptenit of ws or oure maisteris of brig wark for the tyme, quhatsumeuir. And gif it sal happin him to faile in daylie attendance, auertence, correking, or mending of the said wark quhen neid sall happin, then this oure band to be of na strenth, force, nor effect, the said Alexander being thrise convickit for the said inaduertence and non reparing of the saidis faltis. And to the obseruing and keping of all thir premisses the said Alexander is oblegit be the faith in his body, and we siclick to him. And for the mair securite, we haue causit our secreit [seil] to be affixit to thir presentis, at Abirdene, the xvij day of Aprile, the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} and xxxi yeris.

4*th August*, 1531.

The said day, it was deuisit be the prouest and counsaile present for the tyme, that thair maisteris of warke suld gar amend the prame of the brig, and gif hir in keping to sum traist hand, and lat hir and the prouestis greit keile to fraucht to the losing and laidnyng of schippis, and to the hame bringing of elding, and the proffite to be equalie deuidit betuix thame, hir part cummand to the tovnis vtilitie.

13*th October*, 1531.

Anent the reuill of the kirk to be had in tyme to cum, it is statut and ordinit, and for act perpetuall ratifeit and approuit, as efter followis:

Item, in the fyrst, anent the curat, quhar he trow neglegence in tyme of mariage causis nocht the personis being mareit to gif part of deuocioun to thair patroun Sanct Nicholass, as vse vas euer bigane, quhilk cumis nocht in yeir last by past bot iij s., quhar it had wont be mair than xx or xxx s. And it was that the sobirest person that beis mareit pay iiij d.; craftismen that beis baddin, viij d., or ony wthir persoun that hes to pay; all wther

men of guid at thair awin discretioun; and quhat personis that beis mareit be the curat, or his deputis, that he sall ansuer to the maister of wark thairfor, because the auld livable consuetud suld be ouphalding. 13th October, 1531.

Secundlie, anent the segstar, that he nor his deputis oppin nor raise nocht na pathtment for na liaris within the kirk, of thame that suld compone for thair layer, without licence of the maisteris of vark, vnder the pane of paying of the layre him self, and that the pathtment that tha raise be laid as weill agane as tha fund it.

Alsuay that the segstar raise na paithment to na lyaris, of thame that hes festhment in the kirk, without licence of the maisteris of vark, vnder this pane, that is to say, to raise the paithment and lay it agane als weill tha fund it.

Alsuay, anent keiping of the kirk zard fra horse, ky, kuaffis, scheip, and swyne, and all wther beistis, the kirk dikis and stilis being sufficient that the beistis cane nocht haue entress, bot input be folkis other nycht or day. That the segstar or his deputis sall tak thame incontinent efter thai cum in the kirk zard, and put thame in a sicker houiss. And to tak of ilk horse or kow, or siclik beist, iiij d. for the first falt, and ilk sow or grice, iiij d.; all kynd of scheip, cawis, or wther siclik bestis, for the first falt, ij d. And the secund tyme that thai be fundin thar to pay ilk best dobble, and the thrid time siclik. And the segstar and his seruand to ansuer for the keiping of the kirk zard to the maisteris of kirk vark, and for his labour he sall ressaue the panis forsaid to his awin proffeit.

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Item, the hale tovnn being conuenit as said is, all in ane voce, dischargit all thair singaris in thair queir, that hes feis of thame and thair commond guid, fray the purificacioun of our lady, callit Candilmess, nixt cumis, and of all proffetis tha haue of thame, for thair demeritis bigane done to God and tham, during the tovnis will, except Sir Andro Coupar, that is an agit man, and hes bene ane ald seruand to the tovnn, on the quhilkis the provest tuik instrument.

The said day, the haile towne being conuenit and gaderit within the tol-

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butht, in thair heid court, considering the truble and ueris that is able now to cum be our auld ennemeis of Ingland, for the defence of the guyd tovne and commond veill of the same, all in ane voce, na maner of persoun oppin- and nor saying in the contrar, chesit thir personis vnderwritin: that is to say, Jhonne Leslie of Vardris, Andro Cullan, Thomas Menzeis, Johnne Collisoun elder, Maister Androw Tulidef, Dauid Andersoun, Patre Leslie, Willeam Broun, Alex. Knollis, and Alex. Gray, with Gilbert Menzeis, provest, and Henry Irvein, Alex. Rutherfurd, Androw Menzeis, and Alex. Menzeis, bailzeis for the tyme, to provyd all necessar defences for the veill and defence of the tovnn, and to big ane bustailze, as thai think maist expedient; and to serse and vesy the townis artailzery, and se quhar tha ar quha intrometit with tham, or ony part therof, and quhais handis thai ar in, and to collect tham togidder, and to cause, clenge, and graith thame, and mak tham redy quhen euer the tovnn hes ado; and to se quhar the tovnis povder is, quhayis handis it is in, and gif thair be nocht aneocht to furneise the tovnn, to provid and by mair on the tovnis expensis, for the commond veill of the same.

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The said day, the counsale, in name of the haile toun, ordanit and commandit Maister Androw Tulidef, Dauid Andersoun, and Sandris Knollis, to pas and se quhar thair artailzerie is, quhais handis it is in, and consider quhat vantis baith of thair artailzery and pulder, and caus reforme, mend, graith, and mak redy, ony thingis that is neidfull for the veill of the same, on the tovnis expensis, for defence and keiping of the same.

21*st January*, 1532.

The said day, the haile tovnn being conuenit and gaderit in thair tolbuitht, chesit Maister Thomas Menzeis, Maister Andro Tulidef, Dauid Andersoun elder, Sandris Gray, and Sandris Kintor, thair taxtaris, to stent, sett, and tax the sovme of iiij^{xx} iiij lib. Scottis mone, monethtlie, to be rasit of this gude tovne, for the furnesing of certane waegeris to conuoy our souerane lordis artailzery, with his luftenant, aganis our auld ennimies of Ingland, efter the tennour of our souerane lordis letteris direct hierupoun, and at command of the samen, and causit tham sorne be the grit ayth thairto.

7th February, 1532.

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The said day, the provest and counsale, present for the tyme, assignit all the dettis awand to thair patrovnn, Sanct Nicholace, to be tane oup incontinent be the maisteris of the kirk wark, and varit vpon artailzery, povder, fortalissis, blokhouse, and wther instrumentis requirit for weir, for the defence of the guid tovne, and resisting of our auld ennemies of Ingland; and will and ordinis that all wther the tovnis commond warkis rest quhill that be done; and commandit the said maisteris of kirk wark to be diligent in the ouptaking of the said dettis, with povar to gif acquittance therof to the effect forsaid.

19*th February*, 1532.

The said day, Andro Losoun and Villeam Annand war content afor the counsale to tak and ressaue the sax barrell of sape bocht be the tovnn fra ane fremmit man, and als bocht the same at the tovnn egane, and oblegit thame to pay the fremmit man for the said saip as the tovnn conditionit him incontinent, and atour to gif the tovnn xvj lib. Scottis mone, quhilk the tovnn assignit to the biging of thair blokhouse, and ordinit thame to pay the same to the maisteris of wark therof, and commandit thair officiaris to pas to euery persoun that hed intromettit with ony of the said saip, and cause thame deliuer the same to the saidis Andro and Villaim, or ellis siclik parte, as thay man pay for the same, and the saidis Andro and Willeam war content that ony nychtbour that plesit to haue ony of the said saip that thai held, the same payand thame therfor incontenent, as thai sald pay for the same.

20*th February*, 1532.

The said day, the haill counsale, with ane pairt of the communite, present for the tyme, thocht expedient and ordinit, considerint the grit apperand wer and truble apperand to be be our auld ennemeis of Ingland, and for sauete and defense of the guid tovne, that thair be ane blokhouise bigit on the sand ness of stane and lyme, contening xxxvi fuit of lynth, xviij fuit of breid, and vj fuit thik in the wall; of heicht, as beis thocht expedient be the maisteris of vark, with gunhollis and duiris of aistlar; and ordinit Thomas Menzeis and Alexr. Gray to agre with masonis, with the auise of the consale, for the biging of the same in all guidlie haist; and ordinit Dauid Andersoun, Master Andro Tulidef, Alexr. Rutherfurd,

20th February, 1532. and Duncane Mar, coadiutouris and masteris of wark to the biging of the same.

At Abirdein the xx day of Februarr, the yeir of God ane thousand v^c xxxii yeris, it is appunctit, agreit, and finalie endit, betuex honorabill men, Thomas Menzeis of Petfoddellis and Alexr. Gray, maisteris of wark to the toun of Abirden, on that ane part, and Pate Franche and Sanderis Monypenny, masonis, on that wther part, in maner, forme, and effect as efter followis: that is to say, the said Pate and Sanderis sall big ane blokhouse of lyme and stane on the sandness, of xxxvi fuit of lynth, xviii fuit of breid, and vi fuit of thikness in the vall, and of heicht as beis thocht expedient be the said maisteris of wark and masonis, with gun hollis and dur of aistlar, as beis thocht expedient be the said maisteris; and the houisse to be bigit in the maist souer vise for sauete of the raid and hevin, as beis thocht expedient be the said maisteris of wark and masonis; for the quhilkis the said maisteris of wark sall deliuer and pay the said masonis for euery raid thre lib. Scottis mone, and payand for the hewin wark, the said maisteris of wark findand tham all maner of stuf neidful thairto, except sand and watter; and the said masonis to find all maner of wark men thame self, and to begine this vark in all guidlie haist. In vitnes heirof, the saidis maisteris of wark hes subscriuit this writ with thair handis, and the said maisonis hes sett thair markis to the same day, yeir, and place forsaid. And forthir, tha sall woit the said houise quhen euer the said maisteris of wark requiris tham tharto.

18*th March*, 1532.

The said day, the counsale, present for the tyme, deuisit and ordinit that the halff of all the malis perteining to the tovnn, except the kingis malis, be takin oup incontinent, and deliuerit to the tovnis maisteris of vark, to be deburssit be thame in the biging of thair blokhowise, to the bying of powdar and govnnis, grathing, stoking, and carting of the same, in defence of this guid tovnn aganis our auld innemeis of Ingland, and all wther dettis pertening to the tovnn, sic as lib. gritis, restis of malis, and all wther maner of dettis perteining and aving to the tovnn, tha ordanit Henry Irvein, bailze, to pas and tak oup the same incontinent; and, gif neid beis, to cause puind for the same, and mak pament therof to the maisteris of vark, to the effect aboun writin.

7th April, 1532.

7th April, 1532.

The said day, the haill counsale, present for the tyme, commandit and ordinit Gilbert Menzeis, thair prouest, considering the grit veir and truble now apperand, for defence of this guid tovnn, to writ away incontinent to Leith or Edinburgh, and by the tovnn tua barrell of guid powldar, quhat euer it cost, laboring all wais the best chaip he mycht get it, and gif his obligatioun theairone for payment of the same, and quhat euer he promittit tharfor, tha suld releif him at his dai of paiment; and ordinit him send ane boy away therfor with his writingis on thair expensis; and ordinit ane act to be maid heirupoun in our court buik.

30th September, 1532.

The said day, our souerane lordis letteris direct to the provest and bailzeis for vappinschawingis, war red opinlie in iugment, in presens of the haill tovnn, and the provest chargit all personis within this fredom and tovn to conuein on the Vomanhill the xv day of October instant nixt cumis, furnest with vappiniss and harnese, conforme to the said letteris, vnder the panis contenit in the samyn.

21st October, 1532.

The said day, the counsaile statutis and ordanis that, fra thinfurtht, na maner of persoun cast faill or devat in the tovnis Linkis and Insche, nor beir ony sand fra thair Castellhill nor Vomanhill, under the pane of bannesing of tham of the tovnn that beis conuik heirof; and causit opin proclamatioun to be maid heirupoun at the merkat corce, that na man suld allege ignorance on the samyn.

4th April, 1533.

The said day, the prouest, bailzeis, and counsale conducit and feit Villiam Vallace to reule, set, gid, and keip thair knok of the tolbuith, for the quhilkis tha promittit him yeirlie, during thar vill, four merkis Scottis mone; for pament of the quhilkis, tha assignit the malis of the buithis wnder the tolbuith, quhilk Maister Andro Tulydef, Patre Leslie, and John Chalmer hes in tak, quhilkis to iij markis, that is to say, ilk buith ane merk; and ordinit the maister of vark to pay him yeirlie ane vther mark, in compleit pament of tha said iiij markis. And the said William oblegit him to mend the said knok, and mak her sufficient, and als sufficient

4th April, 1533. as ony man in Scotland can mak hir, for the quhilkis the tovnn sall pay him xx s.: that is to say, x s. now in hand, and the uther tene quhen the knok beis sufficientlie mendit, and strikis iust as sche suld do.

24*th April*, 1533.

The said day, Gilbert Menzeis, provest, Andro Cullan, Thomas Menzeis, Johnn Collisoun elder, Dauid Andersoun, M. Andro Tulidef, Henry Irvein, Andro Menzeis, Duncane Mar, Patre Lesle, commissaris chosin afor be the haill townn to provid all necessaris thingis for the tovnis defense, hes concludit and ordinit that thir takis vnder writtin pay to the said effect the sowmes vnderwrittin, and ordinis the said sowmes to be allocat in thair nixt first grissumes. And gif thair be ony takkismen of the tovne that dissentis to the paiment of thir settis, that thai salbe dischargit of thair takkis, and neuer haue tak of this guid towne in tyme to cum, and this to be extendit in the largiest forme, be the tovnis avise.

That is to say, euery half nettis fisching of the raik,	xxx s.
Euery half net of the midsching[le],	xx s.
Euery half net of the pott	xx s.
Euery half nett of the furdis,	x s.
Euery half of Done,	xxx s.
Euery saxt part of the cruffis,	xx s.
Euery auchtand part of the cruffis,	xiij s. iiij d.

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Rubislaw,	xx s.
Hessilheid,	xiij s. iiij d.
Henry Irvein, for the tane half of Schedeslie,	x s.
Gardin,	xxxiii s. iiij d.
Bogferlay,	xxvi s. viij d.
Frosterhill,	vi s. viij d.
Tullowcht,	xiij s. iiij d.
Cruffis,	xx s.
Kingis Vallis,	x s.

Summa, lxx lib. vj s. viij d.

3*d May*, 1533.

The said day, thir personis vnder writin: that is to say, Gilbert Menzeis, prouest, Andro Cullan, Thomas Menzeis, Dauid Andersoun, Alex. Ruther-

furd, and Johnn Blak, ar content to gif thair louit seruitour, Andro Lame, for his dalie guid seruice within thair quere at all diuine seruice, ilk ane of thame ane dais meit in the owik, on to the tyme he be better prouidit: that is to say, the prouest, Sonday; Thomas Menzeis, Monnonday; Dauid Andersoun, Tuisday; Andro Cullane, Vedinsday; Watt Cullan, Fruisday; Johnn Blak, Friday; and Andro Durty, Setterday. 3d May, 1533.

26th May, 1533.

The prouest, bailzeis, and consaill, present for the tyme, maid, constitut, and ordanit Georg Annan pvndler of thar kirk yard, and ordanit the pundlene of euery best to be four d.; and gif he thollis ony bestis to cum in the kyrkyerd frathinfurtht vnpundyt, his crag to be put in the gouchf at the will of prouest and consaill.

11th October, 1533.

The said day, the prouest and counsale consented to give the lordis of Bonaccord of the year bygane tene merkis for thair feis, of the first mone the tovnn gettis in and ma guidlie forder, how sune it ma be gotin.

15th December, 1533.

The said day, the counsale, present for the tym, all in ane voce concordand, deuisit and ordand all the takismen of the watteris of this guid townn to pay and deliuer yeirlie at the natiuite of our Lord, callit zowill, the lithis of wax, to the honour of God, our lady, and thair patroun Sanct Nicholace, conforme to thair auld vse and consuetud; that is to say, euery takisman of the raik and Done, thre lithis; euery takisman of the multsingill, tua lithis; euery takisman of the pot, firdis, and authard part, and saxt part of the cruffiis, ane licht, weyane ilk licht half ane lib., with thair avin mark on the same, to be gevin to the lichis of our altaris of our lady croce, in the loft, and Sanct Nicholace, and to ressaue thair [ ] agane yeirlie, and mak and gif thair candill at zowell, as said is, in all times cuming, conforme to the auld vse and consuetud.

10th January, 1535.

The said day, the counsale, present for the tyme, commandid and ordinit

10th January, 1535. thair prouest, Andro Cullane, to send thair tolbuith knok in Flanderis, and cause mend the same, and gif it can nocht be mendit, to by thame ane new knok on the tovnis expensis; and als to big oup the tovnis beikynnis, and to tak oup the radiest of the tovnis dettis, and malis of the Donn and crewis, and spend thairvpoun, and the tovnis wther necessar commond varkis, and quhat expensis he makis thairupoun thai sall thankfullie alow to him in his nixt comptis.

30th April, 1535.

The said day, it is thocht expedient, and ordanit by the counsale, that all the zoung abil men within this guid [toune] haue thair grene cottis, and agit men honest cottis, efferand to thame, and obey and decor the lordis of Bonaccord, conforme to the auld lovable use of this guid toune, under the pains of braking of command and statuts of the guid tovne that beis conwickit thairof, and to be punnest conforme thairto.

12th January, 1536.

The said day, the prouest and counsale present for the tyme ordinit Andro Cullane to writ for the man that makis the tovnis knok, and cause him cum hame with the samyn, and sett hir oup on the tovnis expensis; and quhat expensis he makis thairon he salbe thankfullie pait of same agane.

23d July, 1537.

The sayd day, the prowest and conseill present for the tyme, thocht expedient and ordanit that thair awin knok, quhilk wes reformit and mendit be freir Alexander Lyndsay, suld be set and imput agane in the maist convenient place of thair tolbuitht, quhar sche mycht be seurlyast keipit; and that to be done incontinent, be the awyse of the correkar of the same, on the tovnis expensis.

Item, the said prowest and conseill findis and deliueris, that Androw Cullane aucht to be thankfully payit of the expensis mayd be hyme on the hame bringing and bying of the knok out of Flanderis, at thair commandis. And gyf the said Androw can find or get ane competent pryce for the said knok, thai ordane hym to sell the same, be the awyse of the prowest and conseill, to the vtilite and profeyit of this gud toun.

12th October, 1537.

12*th October*, 1537.

Thir are the names chosin be the toun to procur with Sanct Nicolace braid for this instant yeir:

Item, in the first, the prowest and the four balzes on solemp dayse, &c. The prowest, balzeyse, and consell statutis and ordanis, that thir personis aboun wrytin pass vith Sanct Nicolace breid quhen thai ar warnit be the secrestanis seruand, or him self, at thair housis, thai beand at hame and nocht seyk. And quhat that dissobeyse, the secrastane prewand his warnnyng, he sall pay als mekill to Sanct Nicolace wark as the breid siluer drew to the last Sonday afor; and gyf the secrastan prewis nocht his warning, he sall pay als mekill siclik as the bred to the Sonday forrow.

13*th October*, 1537.

The sayd day, the consell dewysit and ordanit that thair suld be fyw merkis gewin to frier Alexander Lyndsay for the completing of thair knok, quhilk thai ordane to be takin oup of the rediest of thair mailis of Done.

17*th January*, 1538.

The said day, the haill towne, present for the tyme, geff thair fre electioun to the chesing of thair maister of thair gramer skoull, to the provest, balzes, and consale, quhilkis var present for the tyme, and inclosit in the consalhous, quhilkis for the maist part chesit Maister Hew Manro, on his gud bering, and ordanit him to pas to the chanselar of Aberdene, and desyre his admissioun tharvpoun, conforme to our souerane lordis request maid to the forsaid prowest, balzes, and consale, wnder his graces signet and subscriptioun, on the quhilk the said Master Hew tuk nott and instrument.

The said day, Maister Laurens Chene, scribe of the consisterie of Aberdene, in name and behalf of ane rycht virschipfull clark, Maister Johne Reid, cancellar of Abirdene, and commissar generall of Abirden, exponit to the prowest and consale how he had chosin ane abill, conwenyent, discreit man, to be maister of thair gramer skoull, callit Maister Robert Skeyne, beseikand thair maisterschipis and the haill towne to ressaue hym thankfully, for sic steid and plesur he mycht do thaim in tym cumyng, becaus the admissioun and presentatioun of the said maister pertenit to hym, as he allegit; and, gif the said Maister Robert vas nocht abill thairfor, nor

17th January, 1538. vsit hym nocht for the commond veill of thair barnis, he sald remoif him and imput ane wther in his rowme mair abill thairfor be thair awyse; quhilk, gif thai refusit, he protestit solempnitly, that quhat thai did in the said mater suld nocht hurt his rycht, and for remeid of law quhene tym and place requirit. On the quhilk he tuk not, vytnes the provest and balzes, except Vm. Rolland, with the maist pairt of consale.

7th February, 1538.

The said day, the prowest, in presens of the balzes and haill consall present for the tyme, red opinly in the consalhous this ansur wnder wrytin, quhilk thai deuysit obefor to be gewin to our souerane lord as response to his graces supplicatioun, send for Patrik Forbes for the landis of Ardler; quhilk beyng red the haill balzes and consale forsaid thocht the same verray weill dewesit, and ordanit the same to be closit wnder thair commond signet, and deliuerit agane to the said Patrik, conforme to the charge of the said requeist, quhilk wes closit in thair presens and deliuerit to the commoun clark, to be reddy to the said Patrik quhen he requirit the same; of the quhilk ansur the tennour followis: Schir, vnto your grace our humill seruice ve comend, and hes ressauit your graces wryting supplicatour for setting of the landis of Ardler, pertenyng to the ouphald of the brig of Dee, to Patrik Forbes, quha hes maid your grace to wnderstand that he suld hef thai landis of wss, wnder forme of instrument, quhilk is nocht of verite. Schir, the verite heirof is, that the landis of Ardler war gewin for the ouphald and mantenyng of the said brig, quhilk is the commoun weill of the haill cuntre; and thai landis ar circuit betuix the landis of the Forbessis and the Lesleyis, quhilkis of auld hes bene in greyt innimite, and thai bayth desiris to hef entres to the saidis landis. And schir, gif ather of thaim gettis entres thairto, thai sell in schort tyme thairefter appropir the samyn to tham and thairis, and suld be accasioun of renewyng of the auld displesur done amangis thame, and we callit the occasioneris thairof. Quharfor, schir, your graces haill toune of Aberdene, beyng conuenit in the tolbuith of the samyn, and circulary inquirit, all in ane voce, dissentit that thai landis suld be sett to other Forbes or Lesley, or to ony vther gentillman, for the causis forsaid; but allanerlie, to husband men, laboraris of the ground, that wald gif maist thairfor, to the vttermost profyt of that commoun wark; and instantly thai chesit certane commissaris to sett the saidis landis, quhilkis hes sett the samyn to husband men, laboraris of the

ground, for fywe yeiris; and this wes done afor your nobill graces vryting com till ws ane lang tyme. Schir, our haill beleif is, ye will hef mair respect and desir to the mantenyng of the commoun weill of sic ane commoun werk, then to ony ane of ws particulary. Forthir, Schir, our self and all that we heff ar reddy to fulfill quhat it sell playse your nobill grace to charge, as knawis God, quhome be keipar of your grace, at your maist nobill hartes desir. At Abirdene, the sewint day of Februar. Sic subscribitur, ve your graces puir and humill seruandis prowest, balzes, and consale of your burgh of Abirdene. 7th February, 1538.

13*th February*, 1538.

The said day, it wes dewisit and ordanit be the balzes and consale wnder wrytin, that thair prowest pas to Edinburgh, for the defense of the gryt sklander and fals narratioun maid on diuerse nychtbouris of the same, and on the haill towne, be Maister Valtir Stewart, and to informe the kingis grace and lordis, and in speciall the bischope of Abirdene, of the verite, tweching the away passing of freir Kelour, quhom inlikwyse thai maid, constitut, and ordanit thair procuratour, to defend the summondis rasit vpon the towne be Mr. Andro Lesly, and ordanit hym to mak ane procuratory in Edinburgh, and gaif hym power to substitut quhatsumever procuratouris he thocht expedient, promittand thame, be the fayth in thair bodeis, to keip ferme and stabill quhat he or his substitutis did in the said mater. And inlykwyse thai ordane hym to tak thair ansur with hym, that thai hef maid to the kingis letteris supplicatouris rasit be Patrik Forbes for thair landis of Ardlar, and to informe his nobill grace of the verite of that mater; and ordanis that thair be borrowit and ouptakin fra Valtyr Cullane and George Bisset, keparis of thair girsummes, the sowme of xx^{ti} merkis, of that ten lib. to be gewin to the prowestis expenses, and fywe merkis to James Andersone and Johne Mudy, quhilkis ar summoned be ressone of the wrang narratioun forsaid; and chargit Androw Durty to deliuer xx^{ti} merkis of the mallis of Done to the said Walter and George at Wytsonday nixt cumis, for the said xx^{ti} merkis mone borrowit, quhilk he oblegit hym to do be the fayth in his body. In vytnes of the quhilk, the maist part of the consale present for the tym subsrcyuit this ordinans aboue vrytine. Heir followis the names of the consale present for the tyme: Thomas Menzes, provest, Gilbert Menzes, Johne Collisone, Dauid An-

13th February, 1538. dersone, Androw Menzes, Alexr. Rutherfurd, William Rolland, Mr. Androw Tulidef, Valter Cullane, Alexr. Menzess, Johne Collisone, Androw Durty, Gilbert Malisone, Alexr. Kyntoir, and Mathow Branche. Sic subscribitur: Johne Collisone, Mr. Androw Tulidaf, Villiam Rolland, Dauid Andersone, Mathow Branche, vith my hand, Johne Collisone, Alexr. Menzes, Gilbert Malisone, Alexr. Kyntoir, with my hand.

14*th February*, 1538.

The said day, Thom Dauidsone wes conwickit and put in amerciament of court, for the hawely and malicious strublyng and myspersonyng of Jonat Barbour, his moder of law, to forbeir in tym cumyng, and amend as law will. And the prowest and balzes ordanis hym to cum on Sunday nixt cumis, in tym of hiemes, with ane vax candill of ane lib., and thair, bair heid, to sit downe on his kneis and beseik the prowest and gud men of the toune to requeist his gud moder forsaid to forgyf hym, and to reuok the saidis vordis he said on her, and that thai var verray false, and said bot in his ire and crabitness; and, gif euer he did the lyk in tym cumyng, to pay fywe merkis to Sanct Nicolaus vark on forgyffin, togidder with the expenssis of court: and that wes gewin for dome be the mouth of Johne Scheras, dempster of court for the tym. And the said Jonat Barbour ves maid quyt of all strublens of the said Dauidsone; and that ues gewin for dome siclyk, be said dempster.

25*th February*, 1538.

The said day, the balzes and consall present for the tyme commandit and chargit all thair nichtbouris within this towne, that thai nor nane of thair seruandis cast thair assis nor fulze on the gait within the portis of this towne in tyme cuming, wnder the pane of viij s. for thair wnlaw; and als chargit tham to tak away thair myddyngis quhilkis hes muk on the gait betuix this and Freday nixt cumis, and failzeing thairof, that ony persone that pleissis to tak away the same but ony perrell. And gif ony be fundin castand or layng thair asse on the gait in tym cuming, that it selbe lesum to ony man fyndand thar doyng the same to tak away thair pannis or lumiss and present the same to the balzes for thair wnlaw.

The said day, the haill towne beyng warnit be thair hand bell passand

throcht the rewis and straittis of this towne, on the quhilk the doar thairof maid fayth in iugment, and the maist pairt of thame conwenit within thair tolbuytht, and the provest, balzeis, and counsall present for the tyme, commandit and chargit ilkane of thaim generally to cum on thair lynkis on Furisday the xi day of March nixt to cum, to thair wapyn schawis, furneist in thair harness vith jak, speir, swerd, and knapskaw, and vtheris geir, as is contenit in our souerane lordis letteris direct to thaim thairopone, to be in thair best deray, ilk persone vnder the pane contenit in the said letteris, and als thai vald ansur to the kingis grace thairwpoun, and vndir all panes and charges that efter may follow. 25th February, 1538.

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Nomina Assise.

Gilbert Menzes, Mr. Andro Tulidaf, Duncane Mar, Alex. Kyntoir, Androw Lowsone, Alex. Gray, Gilbert Malisone, James Fentone, Dauid Arrott, Gilbert Tulidaff, Gilbert Mar, Johne Collisone, James Litstar, Thom Hay yonger, Johne Brabner, Williame Andersone, Henry Collisone.

The said day, Besse Dempster, the spous of Dauid Spilyelaucht, wes conuik and put in amerciament of court by the sworne assyse aboue vrytin, all in ane voce, for the hawy and gryt strublens, and myspersonyng of Dauid Reid, bayth in word and deid, and als the said Dauid, for lycht and bot sobyr strublens of the said Besse in his awin defense, to forbeir in tym cumyng, and amend as law will; and als thai ordane the said Besse, for the amendis of the said strublens done be hir to the forsaid Dauid, to stand in the Gowistair, be the awyse of the provest and balzes, and to cum in the hie kirk on Sunday nixt cumis, and to gang, sark alane, afore the processioun, vith ane vax candill in hir hand of ane pound, to be offerit to the haly blud lycht, and thairefter to sitt downe on hir kneis and beseik the prowest, balzes, and gud men of the toune to requeist and caus the said Dauid to forgyf hir, and to reuok and agane say the vordis said be hir to the said Dauid; and gif euer scho did or said sic vordis or strublens to him, or ony vther nychtbour of this towne, in tyme cumying, to be baneist thairof for euer; and the balzes chargit hir to pay the said Dauid the expenssis of the court, and that wes gewin for dome, be the mouth of Johne Scherar, dempstar of court, for the tyme, and baith the said parteis oblegit thame in jugment, to stand, fulfill, and abyd at the deliuerance of the forsaid assyse.

11th April, 1538.

11*th April*, 1538.

The said day, it wes statut and ordanit be the prowest, balzes, consall, and communitie, present for the tym, that na maner of nychtbour within this toun duelland suld lay ony fulze or filtht in the maist oppin place of the Gallowgat, quhilk is afor Johnn Mairis zet, and umquhill Johnn Cullanuis hous, bot at the cassay thairof be anis clengit, and gif it sell hapin ony maner of persoun to lay ony maner of fulze thair in tymmis cumming, thai sell pay the balzes vnlaw of viij s. vnforgewin, and it selbe lesum to quhatsumeuer nychtbour that reprehendis the layaris of the said fulze in the place forsayd, to tak the veschell that it sell happin to be brocht in, to be keipit quhill thai be punyst for the braking of this statut.

21*st May*, 1538.

The said day, Robert Arthur and Johnn Arthur, sonis to Johnn Arthur, war accusit for the strublens of my lordis of Bonacordis, and of this guid toune, in judgement; and sic like, for this strublens of Dauid Arrot, and for wrangeous takin of his hors and quhynggar, denyit; and sic like, the sayd Dauid wes accust for the strublens of the saydis Robert and Jonn; and sic like, for the strublens of Margrait Urquhart thair moder, for the casting of draff on her throw malyce, in special in tyme of Ewin sang, and sic like, denyit; quhilks actions of strublens, with consent of the forsayd partis, wes present to the decisioun and knawledge of the assyss afor exponit, quhilks war chosen and sworne tharto, and accepit the samand on thame furth of court, remolvit and ryply awisit, with the depositions of diwerse and sindrie famos personis enterit in court, fand and deliuerit, all and in ane voce, Gilbert Menzes, chanslor, that the forsaydis Robert and Johnn hed strublit the said Dauid; and sic lik, the said Dauid for the strublens of the saidis Johnn and Robert, but the protestatoun wes fundin in thame; and als the saydis Robert and Johnn hed strublit the lordis of Bonacord, and this guid towne, in stoping of dansing, and plesure dewisit, to the plesure of the samyn, quherfor thai, and ilk ane of them, was in amerciament of the court to forbere in tyme cumning, and the amendis tharof continuit to be maid be the awiss of the prouest and counsale, and the said Dauid maid faitht in judgement, at the command of the said assyss, that he kest na draf on the forsayd Margrait for malice or envy, and sa ves maid quit of all strublens of her, and the sayd John Arthur chargit to deliuer the quhingar again quhilk he hes pertaining to Dauid Arrot.

The sayd day, the prouest and bailzies, present for the tyme, at command of the assyss afor writin, and of thair awn authorite, commandit and chargit Robert Arthur, Johnn Arthur, Sanderis Forbes, and William Rolland youngar, on that ane part, to set sufficient cautioun and lauborrouis or thai dupart of the tolbutht, that Dauid Arrot and Henre Collisoun, on that oder part, (quhilks maid faitht thai dred bodely harm of thame,) suld be harmles and skaithles, and sic lik, the toune, and induellaris tharof, of thame, and all that thai ma lat forther thame, by order of law; and sic like chargit the sayds Dauid and Henre to set cautioun and lauborrouis, that the sayds Robert, Johnn, Sanderis, and Villiame suld be harmles of thame, and all that thai ma lat forther thame, be order of law. 21st May, 1538.

25th May, 1538.

The said day, the prouest, bailzies, and counsell, present for the tyme, ordanit and chargit Robert Arthur, and Johnn Arthur youngar, sonis to Johnn Arthur, to cum the morne within the queyre of Sanct Nicholace keyrke, in tyme of the hemes, barheyd, ilk ane of thame with ane candill of vax of ane pound in thair hand, and syt downe on thair kneis and beseyk the prouest, in the tounis name, to forgyf thame for the strublens don thairto be thame, in tyme of thair solace and play; and in lykwyss to beseyk the said prouest and guid men of the toune to mak request to the lordis of Bonacord to forgyf thame the falt and strublens done to them; and gif thai, or ony of thame, committs ony sic like falt, to pay v merkis to Sanct Nicholace wark, the committar tharof on forgewin.

4th October, 1538.

The sayd day, the consell forsaid assignis fyw merkis to be gewin to Dauid Bruce zeirly be the dene of gild for his gud seruice to be done in keiping and temporing of thair knok within the tolbutht, for his fee.

16th October, 1538.

The sayd day, the vyffis of Gilbert Malysone, Androw Craufurd, Dauid Arrot, Williame Lowsone, Henre Collisone, Edwart Innes, Johne Reyd, Robert Rattre, Mathow Branche, Androw Blycht, Gilbert Skeyne, Thome Fynne, Wille Schiphird, Thome Trowp, thai, and ilkane of thame in amerciament of court for the brewing of xvi d. aill, of thair awin grant maid in jugment; and inlikvyse, the vyffis of Dauid Reche, Michell

16th October, 1538. Wyll, William Sande, and Dougall and Thome Mayr, thai, and ilkane of thame, in in amerciament of court for brewing of xii d. aill, beyng vnfremennis viffiis in braking of common ordinans, to forbeyr in tym cuming, and amend as law wyll, and that wes given for dome.

8th November, 1538.

The said day, comperit in jugment ane venerabill clerk, Mr. Alexander Spittall, persone of Clait, and exponit to the provest and bailzes how his freind Henry Levinstoune, Johne Makhe, and Sande Towcht war chargit to find caution to ansuir at the instance of certane vachis of thir gude towne for strubling of thame on the nycht, and offerit tham reddy in jugment to ansuyr ony thing that ony man had to say to thame, and als requirit the balzes to inquir and speir at the saidis vachis gif thai war plenteous or had ony thing to say to thame, quhilkis vachis ansuirit that thai var nocht plenteous apoun nane of thame, and the balzes maid thame quyt thairof in iugment; on the quhilk the said Mr. Alexander tuik nott and instrument, and the balzes chargit the forsaid Lewinstoune, Makhe, and Towcht to compeir this day aucht dais, to beir suithfast wytnessing in the actionn of strublens mowit be the said wachis, aganis [ ] Straquhene with intimatioun as efferis.

4th December, 1538.

My lord prowest and bailzes of this nobill burght of Abirdene, vnto your M[ ], humely menis, schawis, and, be the way of reconuentioune, complenis, I, Alexr. Moyr younger, vpoun Dauid Bruce, burges of Aberdene, that quhar the said Dauid, the aucht day of Januar, in the zeir of God m v^{c} thretty sex yeiris, promittit to pay me the soume of thretty poundis, in penny and pennyworth Scottis, at thir termis following, that is to say, tene poundis at Witsounday, in the yeir of God m v^{c} thretty sex yeiris, and vderis tene poundis at Witsonday nixt thairefter, and the vderis tene poundis at the fest of Witsounday in the yeir of God v^{c} and thretty aucht yeiris, and that in tochir gud for the mareage to bene than contrackit and solempnizat in face of haly kirk, betuix me and Merzeoure Bruce, dochter to the said Dauid, betuix the aucht day of Januar forsaid and fastern ewin nixt thairefter following, quhilk mareage is contract, and in face of haly kyrk solempnizat, betuix me and the said Merzeour, be the space of thre zeyris or thairby bygane; and as yit the said Dauid Bruce

wrangouslie, and aganis the law, postponis and deferris to pay to me the sowme of thretty poundis, in penny and pennyworthis, for the caussis abefoir exprimitt, without he be compellit be justice thairto. Quharfor I beseik your M[ ] ye wald compell, be justice, the said Dauid Bruce to the forsaid xxx lib., in pennie and pennie worthis, with my expenssis mayd and to be mayd in the persute of the samyn; and this my petitioune, be way of reconuentioune, to haf the stryntht of ane borght, gyf neid beis, and your ansuir heirvpoune humely I beseyk, &c. 4th Dec., 1538.

9th March, 1539.

The said day, it was funden and deliuerit be the provest and bailzes aboue writtin, with the awise, consent, and deliuerance of the conseill vndervrittin: that is to say, Gilbert Menzes of Fyndoun, Androw Cullane, John Colisone, vmquhill provestis, Valtir Cullane, Duncane Mar, Alexr. Nicholsone, and Gilbert Malysone, tuyching the debaitt of the byggyng of schelis on the vattir bank of the Cruvis, betuix Johne Hay, Dauid Menzes, Gilbert Fressor, and the laif of the taxman of the tovnis vatteris of the Cruvis, and Maister Johne Vatsone and Alexr. Forbes, occupiaris of the landis and toun of Cruvis, pertening to the said burgh, the forsaidis provest, balzeis and conseill all in ane voce fand and deliuerit, in presens of the saidis partiis, that it suld be lesum to all and syndre the tovnis taxmen of thair vatteris of Cruvis, to byg scheill or schelis, sa mony as thai thocht expedient, on the vattir bank of Cruvis forsaid, to eise thame self for keiping of thair fische and clayis during the season of thair fisching, and commandis, chargis and ordanis that thair be na impediment nor stop maid to thame in bygging of the said schelis in tyme to cum, noyther be thair tenentis forsaid, thair seruandis, nor vtheris quhatsumevir, vnder all pane and charge that efter ma follow.

12th March, 1539.

The sayd day, Margaret Porter, the vyff of Alexr. Kayne, wes convict for the strublens and myspersonyng of Jonat Chesame, the vyff of Johne Valcar, in calling of hir commond vyld freris hvyr, that scho wes that hes ane pek of lyiss betuix thi shoulderis; I sell leid the to the place for the freir swewyt the, quhar you tynt the pendace of thi belt in the hie publict gett; quhairfor scho was put in amerciament of court, to forbeir in tyme cuming, and amend as law will. And the said Jonat Chesame wes maid

12th March, 1539. quyt of ony strublens or myspersonyng of the said Margaret Porter, and that wes gevin for dome. And thairefter the provest and bailzeis, beyng consultit and awisit with ane parte of the consall, present for the tyme, modefiit ane mendis for the said myspersonyng, as efter followis: that is to say, thai ordanit that the said Margaret cum on Sunday nixt, within Sanct Nicolace hie kirk in tyme of hiemes, cled in lynning claythis, with ane torche byrnand in hir hand, of thre pound of vax, bair lyg, and thair, afor the powpytt, and the provest and gude men of this toune, reuoke and agane say the forsaid vordis, and vtheris said be her of the sayd Jonat, and confess thame verray false and vntrew, and sayd bot of malice and in ire; and to syt downe on hir kneyse, as said is, and ask the said Jonat forgyffance, and request the gud men of the towne to caus the said Jonat to forgyf hir; and gif euer scho dois the maik in tyme cumyng, and beis convickit thairfor, to pay x lib., vnforgyffin, to Sanct Nicholace vark, and als to fynd cautioun for the fulfilling of the said mendis or scho duparte of the tolbuith.

4th April, 1539.

Heir followis the lordis of Bonacordis desyr:

My lord prowest, balzes, and consall of this guid towne, on to your M[ ], humely menis and schawis, we, Waltir Hay and Thomas Scherar, lordis of Bonacord, that quhar your M[ ] put ws in the said office this instant yeir, albeit we ar nocht conwenient thairfor, nochttheless we sall, God willand, do the best we may to your M[ ] honour and the gud townes. Quharfor we exhort your M[ ] that we hef the auld lowable vse, lang vsit and kepit within this guid tovne, now in our tyme, lyk as it hes bene in our predecessoris tymes: that is to say, all the yong able men within this guid towne to conwey ws euery Sunday and halyday, and wther neidfull tymes, aboulzeit as your M[ ] hes deuisit, and agit men to meit ws at the crabstane or kirkyard; and thai that compeiris nocht, that we may poynd thame, conforme to the auld vse, or ellis mony of thame will nocht obey, &c. And als, at your M[ ] pleysse, rattefy and afferme the saying ye promest ws the tyme of our chesing in office: that is to say, ane of the first fremen that begud at our chesing, that we hef securite in your bukis thairof; and your M[ ] ansur heirvpoune maist humely we beseik, &c. The quhilk petitioun forsaid, the provest, bailzes, consale, and communite, present for the tym, ratefeit, apprewit, and affermit, and

ordanis the same to be kepit and obseruit in all poyntis thairof, wnder the panis contenit in the same, to be ouptakin and poyndit be the forsaid lordis at thair plesar, &c. 4th April, 1539.

18*th April*, 1539.

The said day, the court wardis and schawis for law, and it vas gewyn for dome, that the takysmen of the townis millis within the towne hes prowyn sufficiently that thai aucht to hef the xxiiij pek of malt that thai grynd, and that thai var in vyse of payment of the samyn this lang tyme bygane, and als to heff ane pek of knaschip of ilk vj bollis of malt thai grynd; quharfor the prowest and balzes ordanis thaim to be obeyit of the said multur, and keipit in vse of payment of the same, conforme to the auld lowabill vse lang obseruit within this burght obefoir.

The said day, compeirit in iugment, Johnn Dauidson, indueler in Banff, and complanit unto the prouest and balzes apoun the personis underwritin: that is to say, Williame Rolland elder, Dauid Rolland, Williame Rolland younger, Alex. Bisset, Johnn Lamyntone, Alex. Nicholsone, and Johnn Chalmer, quhilks, as he allegit, wrangously, and againis the law, took away frae him this gair efter followin: to wit, ane swerd and ane bucklar, vurtht xx s., and ane bag, and belt, ane phingar, and within the bag the soume of xxx s. of small silvar; and mair, attour, that the personis forsayd had him to the tolbuitht, and put him in the stokes; and als that the forsayd William Rolland eldar, and his complices, tuk away frae hym wrangously ane coitt of grene kendilling, quhilk cost in all thingis iiii merks; and ane gal coit, vurtht xiiii s.; ane blak bonat, with ane typpat of taphite, cost xvii s. iiii d.; ane blak hatt, and ane typat, cost viii s.; ane pare of double solit schone, cost xl d.; ane pare of spuris, cost xii d.; and in likwiss, that quhen thai had put hym in the stokkes, that thai tuk out of his sleyff, in ane purss, xi lib. xii s. of gould; and als strak hym, and tuk him be the hair and rappit his heid to the wall; and als that thai vrangously passit to Alex. Bards stabil, and tuk ane gray horss quhilks he had poynded fra Edward Drum for [ ] of the lard of Wauchtoun, as he allegit; and beseikit the prouest and balzes for remeid of law. And therefter the forsayd personis, and ilk ane of thame, being accusit in gugement be the prouest and balzes for the wrangis forsayds, thai denyit the same; quhilks wrang and strublens the prouest and balzes present to the decisoun and knawlege of the assyss

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underwriten, of baith the parteis consentis: that is to say, Gilbert Menzes, Henry Erwin, Duncan Mar, Williame Lyoun, George Bisset, Johnn Arthur, Gilbert Malisoun, Gilbert Tullidef, Walter Hay, Will. Quhyt, Rob. Blak, Alex. Kintoir, Johnn Brabner, Williame Andersone, and Androu Crauford, quhilks beyng sworn and admitted in gugment, furtht of court remouit, and accepand the forsayd matteris on thame, enterit in court agane, fand and deliurit, all and in ane voce, that the forsayd Johnn Dauidson, beyng ane mair deput of Abirdene for the tyme, disobeyit the forsayd Williame Rolland eldar, shiref deput of Abirdene for the tyme, and myspersonet hym with mony ewil wordis said to him be the sayd Johnn, and boistit the said shiref with ane knyff at his awn buitht dur; for the quhilks, the said shiref, be way of correctioun in executioun of his office, put the sayd Johnn in the stokkes, and fand that he did nae wrang thairof, and als thai mak him quit, and Dauid Rolland, Villiame Rolland youngar, Alex. Nicholsoun, Johnn Chalmer, Alex. Bisset, and Johnn Lamyntoun, of all wrang dun to the sayd Johnn Dauidsoun be the said Williame Rolland elder, and als be ony of thame to him, and sic lik of the clame of gair and gudis forsaid, becauss he preuit naething of the sayd clame, neier be vitnes nor writ; quherfore the prouest and balzes forsayd dischargit and absouit the sayd personis of the forsaydis strublens and gair, and accepit the sayd deliueraunce, and ordanis the same to be keipit in all pointis and partis thairof, under quhilk the sayd personis tuik nocht.

28*th April*, 1539.

The said day, the haill towne beyng varnit to this day be thair bell man passand throcht thair rewis, and the maist parte thairof beyng conwenit within the tolbuitht, and thai beyng circuly inquirit be Dauid Andersone balze, gaif, grantit, and assignit the altarage of Sanct Peter, within thair paroche kirk of Sanct Nicholace, vacand in thair handis be the deceise of vmquhile Schir Willeame Coupar, to ane venerable clark, Maister James Menzes, persone of Dunnotter, for all the dais of his lyftyme, for the reparatioun and byggyng of the tenementis and landis pertening to the said altarage, and for to wesy and se thair daily seruice dewyne within thair queyr, and caus the same be ordourit and keipit to the honour and plesur of God in the best sort he can dewyse, and ordanit Thomas Menzeis, thair provest, to present him to the same, and seill his presentatioun and gyft with thair commound seill; on the quhilkis Mr. Robert Menzes, his procura-

tour, tuk nott and instrument, vytnes, Mr. Androw Tulidaf, Mr. Johne Gordone, Johne Arthur, and Maisteris Johne Nicholsone and Johne Hay, notaris publik. And the prowest, of his benevolence, promittit to the town that he suld caus the said Mr. James to refund and pay yeirlie the soume of ten pundis to ane syngar for daly seruice within thair queyr. 28th April, 1539.

19*th May*, 1539.

The said day, Ellene Rannaldsone wes convict of hir awin toung grant maid in jugment, for the oppynnyng of nychtbouris durris with wrang keyis, and steling as of thair stuff, wnder silence of nycht; and als Elspet Meldrum, hir modir, wes convict for the braking of our souerane lordis vard, vnder silens of nycht, siclyk; quhairfor ilkane of thaim vas put in amerciament of court, to forbeir in tyme cuming, and amend as law will; and the consall and balzes present for the tyme ordanit thame to be banist of of this gud towne thairfor for euer; and gif euer ony of thame var fundin within this toune, ane hait irne to be laid on thair cheyk. And that wes gyffin for dome, be the moucht of Johne Scherar, dempstar of court for the tyme. And als the balzes passit to the mercat croce, with thair clark and officiar, and thair, be oppin proclamatioun, banyst the saidis personis, as said is, for thair demeritis.

23*d May*, 1539.

The said day, Johne Vatsone and Valter Stewart, seruandis to my Lord Abirdene, exponit to the bailzeis in jugment, how they hed diuerse and syndrie tymes, in thair maisteris name, plenzeit to thaim on the fyscheris of Futy, quhilkis, as thai allegit, hed syndrie tymes schewit the fysche to cum to thair vattir of Done in the auld vatter gang, and specially this day instantly hed done the samyn, and that they culd get na remeyd thairfor. Quharfor thay protestit for tym and place to persew the said fyscheris afor ony juge or jugis thai think expedient, on the quhilk thai tuk instrument. And the balzes chargit thair officiaris to pass to the said vatter gang incontinent, and fesche the saidis personis that thai find thairon, or varne thaim, on the whilkis the saidis personis are plenteous on, and put tham in the tolbuith on to the tym thai ansur to the said lordis instance, and fynd cautioun for the skayth.

2d June. 1539.

2*d June*, 1539.

The sayd day, the prowest and balzes consentis and ordanis, wytht the awse of the hayll towne, that thair be ane cassay makar feyit and conducit for daly wagis, to mak, reforme, and mend all the streyttis and calsayis of the sayd burght, and to gett ane dayse mett of euerilk nychtbour thair tyme about, sa lang as he beis making the said calsayis, with ane penne of euerilk housse haldar within this burght, to be gewin corresponding ilk day to his wagis.

13*th June*, 1539.

The said day, the provest, balzes, and haill consall present for the tyme, weill gadderit within thair consal hous of thair tolbuith of Abirdene, all in ane voce feitt and conducit John Collisone zonger, son to vmquhill James Collisone, thair weill beluffit nychtbour, quhom God assolze, and ordanis thair dene of gild to ansur him of ten merkis yeirly vsuall money of Scotland, at twa vsuall termes in the yeir, Mertimes and Vytsonday, be ewynly portionis, and that for his guid, leill, and trew seruice, and continuall residence to be maid within thair paroche kirk in mess, mattynnis, and ewinsang, and all vther devyne seruice, festuall day and feriall day, quhill God and thay provyd him to a largear fee, eftir his gud bering and conditionis, quhilk thay beleyf selbe better wortht in tyme cumyng.

23*d June*, 1539.

The sayd day, the prowest, balzess, and haill towne, consentis and assentis that the gray freiris of this burght get the barne pertenyng to Androw Cullane, lyand at the eist syd of the said burght nixt adiacent to thair yard, to thair profyt and wse as thai think expedient, to dispone thairupoun for suffrage to be done be thaim in all tym to cum; and that the said Androw get als mekill rowme of the townis commonty, besyd the ald hattis behind the gray freiris, besyd the said Androwis croft, to byg hym ane vder barne vpoun of the sam lynth and breid.

The balzeis and prowest assignit to the lordis of Bonacord, of this instant year, to wit, Tohmas Scherar and Valter Hay, John Micchelsonis compositioun of fremenschip, to be takin oup be thame, conforme to the act maid by the haill consall of befor.

27th June, 1539.

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The said day, the consall ordanit Mr. Androw Tulidaf, dene of gild, to pay William Purwass fywe merkis Scottis for the mending of thair knok in the tolbuith, the quhilk he deliuerit to hym at command of the prowest this day, and was dischargit thairof, on the quhilk he tuk nott.

4th July, 1539.

The balzes ordanit Mr. Androw Tulidaf, dene of gild, to pay Robert Vyschert x s., for the paynting of the tolbuith horrelage, within viij dais.

15th September, 1539.

The said day, the prowest, balzes, and maist parte of the consall, beyng presently convenit, to the effect wnder wrytin, within the consal hous of the tolbuith of Abirdene, hawand respect to the trublous passagis now beyng presently within this realme, throw occasioun of the contagius infeckand pest, callit the boiche, quhilk ryngis in diuerse partis of the same now instantly: Thai, efter detfull consultatioun and consideratioun, beyng riply and at gryt lynth awysit, all in ane voce statut and ordanit, that the balzes pas euery ane of thame throw thair awin quarter, within the boundis of the haill toune, and cerse, vesy, and se all maner of codderaris, vagaboundis, and puyr boddeis, quhilkis ar nocht natiue of this towne borne, that hes nocht to leif gudly on thair awin, and command and charge thame and ilkane of thaim that thai incontinent remoif tham selfis, thair gudis, gif thai ony heff, furth of this toun, within xlviij houris efter thai be chargit be thame thairto, vnder the payne of layng of ane hait irne on thair cheik; and gif thai failze and disobeyis the same, thai ordane that the bailzes lay the said jrne on thair cheik. And inlykwyse thai ordane that the belman pas throcht all the stretis and vnydis of this toun, commanding and charging, in the kingis name, and townis, provest, and balzes of the same, that no induellar within the toun, of quhat degre that euer thai be of, tak on hand to hous nor harbre na maner of strangear, vagabound, nor codderar, without licence and leif askit and obtenit be thame of the provest and bailzes. And gif ony ane of thame failzeis heirintill, that it ma be verefiit on thaim, the doaris thairof to be banyst of the toun for yeir and day; and this statut aboue vrytin to be inuiolably obseruit and kepit within this burgh, and oppynly proclamit at the mercat croce.

10th October, 1539.

10*th October*, 1539.

The said day, the haill counsall present for the tyme consentit and assentit, all in ane voce, that certane of thair artelzery and pulder be lennit to Patrik Erle Bothwall, he fyndand sufficient strenzeabill cautioun and and souerty to deliuer, restoir, and pay the samyn agane, als guid as he intromettis with the samyn, in the first schippis that cummis betuix, and that the said cautioun be incertit in the court bukis.

13*th October*, 1539.

The said day, it wes statut and ordanit be the provest, balzes, and haill consall, all in ane voce, that because of the gryt multitude of strangearis that ar of new cumin to this burgh till remane in the same, quhilkis hes nocht of thair awin to leif apoun, quharfore thai ordane that the balzeis pas throcht thair quarteris, and tak inquisitioun and knawlege of euery persone duelland within this toun, quha is lauchtfull nychtbour, and quhat thai hef to leif apoun, and quhow and quharbe thai leif, and gif thai be sufficient to remane within burght; and thai that ar on sufficient nychtbouris, and fundin nocht lauchtfull be ane vnsuspect and condigne assise, that thai be remowit and expellit of the towne within xlviij houris nixt efter thai be chargit thairto; and quha that beis fundin within this toun thairefter, thai ordane ane hait jrne to be laid on thair cheik for thair inobediens, and than to be put out of the toun. And thai ordane that na cautioun selbe tane of sic on abill personis in tyme cumyng, noder be provest nor balze, for na request or supplicatioun that may be maid thairfor, &c.

The said day, the consall forsaid assignis fourty sillingis to be gewyn to Androw Feildlar yeirly, be thair denis of gild, for his guid seruice to be done in keipyng and temporing of thare knok within the tolbuitht, for his fee; and als ordanis the denes of gild to mak payment to Dauid Bruce executouris of his fee, sa lang as he maid seruice on payit for.

14*th January*, 1540.

The haill toune, present for the tyme, except Maister Androw Tullidef, Wm. Rolland, Alexr. Forbes, Gilbert Tullidef, Walter Lesley, Alex. Tullydef, and William Rolland zoungar, consentis and assentis, all in ane voce, that Andro Lausone and Jame Lausone, his broder, thair commound

menstrallis for the tyme, selbe feyit and conduycit for thair actuall and continuall gud seruice to be done be thaim, as ws wes be the menstrailis afor thaim, thair predecessouris, at ewin and morne, and vder tymmis neydfull, concerning the toune, for all the days of thair lyf, and sell haif thair daily vaigis and meyt of the nychtbouris of this gud towne circularie, conforme to the auld lovabill wse and consuetud of this nobill burght obseruyt in tymmis bygane. 14th January, 1540.

22*d January*, 1540.

The said day, in the actioun and caus movit be Andro Chalmer, in Westar Fintra, upon Barbara Dya Baptista and Helen Andree, thair complices, to the number of ten personis, frends and servands to Erle George, callit of Egipt, makand mentioun that in the monyth of October last bypast, come to his houses in Wester Fintra, and thair thiftiusly staw and tuik fra hym out of his kyst, in his chalmer, the sowm of twenty four marks money of the realme, and will mak him na restitution thairof wythout thai be compellit.

Nomina Assise. Patrik Forbes, Duncane Mar, Walter Cullan, Maister John Fress, Gilbert Fress, Walter Hay, Androw Crawfurd younger, Androw Durtty, Alexr. Nicholsone, Alexr. Forbes, David Menzies, Johne Rattre, Henry Collisone, Thomas Hay, William Carnis.

The sayd day, Barbara Baptista and Helen Andree, Egiptians, war accusit in jugment be the prowest for the wrangous waytaking of xxiiij marks money of Scotland fra Androw Chalmer in Wester Fyntra, out of his kyst, quhilk thai denyit be George Faw, thair capitane and forspeikar, and Maister Thomas Annand, thair procuratour. And thairefter, with consent of bayth the said partiis, the said action was put to the decisione and knawlege of the assyss aboun wrytine, quhilk was chosin and sworne in jugment, in presens of partiis, and admittit be thaim furtht of court remowit, and at lyntht awysit wytht the depositionis of the wytnes producit be the said Androw Chalmer, enterit in court, fand and deliuerit, all in ane voce, that the said Androw Chalmer hed failit in his preyf twyching waytaking of the forsaid money, and maid the said Barbara and Helene, Egiptians forsaid, quyt of the clame of the same claimit at thaim be the said Androw, and dischargit thaim thairof be the haill assyss forsaid. And the said Egiptianis protestit for thair expensis againe the said Androw

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Chalmer, and desyrit caution of the said Androw to answer at thair instans, as law will, quhilk fand John Chalmer cautioner, to Alexander Hay, officiar.

The said day, Alexander Chalmer, procurator for the said Androw Chalmer, protestit for tyme and place to persew the laif of the Egiptianis for the said money, and tuk not that the said Barbara and Helene allanarly ar made quyt of the said claim, as he allegit.

The said day, Maister Thomas Annand, procuratour for the Egiptianis, and George Faw, thair capitaine, requirit Androw Chalmer in jugment to nayme or nott samony of thair company as he wes plenteus on for the thiftouss waytaking of his money, quhilk accepit allanarlie at that tyme bot twa, that is to say, Barbara Dya Baptista and Helen Andree; and the forsaid procuratour protestit that he sald hef na place in tyme cuming to persew nane of the company, becaus thai war all present in jugment.

28*th January*, 1540.

The said day, George Faw and Johnne Faw, Egiptianis, ware convict be the sworne assys aboune wrytine for the blud drawing of Sande Barrowne, and the said Barrowne convict for the strublens of thaim and the prouocatioune fundin in hym; quharfor thai and ilk ane of thaim war in amerciament of court, to forbeir in tym cumming, and amend as law will, and ordanit the saids Egiptianis to pay the barbour for the leyching of the said Barrowne, and to gyf him a crowne of the sone for the amends of the said blud within viii days.

11*th February*, 1540.

The balzess chargit Gilbert Malisone, maister of the brig wark, to pass and vesy the brig of Dee, and tak alse mony seruandis with hym as he thinkis necessar to prowyd remeid for saifty of the said bryg fra the dangeir of the spayt apperand to be, and to eschew the samyn, and pay the said seruandis for thair labouris.

21*st February*, 1540.

The bailzeis charged George Faw, Egiptian, and his brother, to remoif thameself, their cumpany, and gudis of this toun, betuix this and Sonday nixt cummis, under all pane and charge that aftir ma follow; and in the myntime, that nane of thair cumpany cum in ony houss or cloiss in this

toun, bot gif thai be sent about, and gif ony dois quhat beis away in the same houss, that the said George and his brother sal refound sayme. 21st February, 1540.

4th March, 1540.

The said day, the Egiptianis quhilks wer maid quytt obefor of Androw Chalmeris clame maid Joh Faw thar capitanis procurators for thaime, to persew thair expensiss, and the bailzie geff him power to follow the same, on the queilks they tuk nott.

26th April, 1540.

The said day, the provest and ballies decernyt and ordanyt Maister Thomas Chalmer, curat of Abirdene, cheplene of Sanct Katherenis altar, to be obeyit and ansurit, and his successoris, cheplanis of the said altar, of ane annuell rent of v s. Scottis, to be optakin yeirly of the landis lyand in the Grene, pertening the quhyt freiris, betuix the Denburn on the west, the kingis gayttis on the est and northt partis, and the said freris yard on the southt, to the quhilk the prior of the saidis freiris consentit and assentit, for stoping of the dome of property persewit be him of ane vast land within the saidis merchis, and ordanis him to be payit of thre termis bygane onpayit, and mair gif he ma preyf it.

27th April, 1540.

The said day, the prowest and balzes, togyder with the maist pairt of the consell, present for the tyme, wycht ane consent chesit Dauid Andersoun, Alexr. Nicholson, and Gilbert Malysoun, maisteris of wark, to se the prepairing of Robert Cultis and Thom Breqhynis schip, and caus the samen to be furnist with all necessaris neydfull to ane schip of weyr, as the counsell thinkis, expending conforme to the kingis charge direct heirupoun, quhilkis sall resaif money, and mak compt thairof to the towne, in sa far as they weir vpoun the said schip, and chargit Walter Cullane and George Bysset to deliuer the said Dauid Andersoun tuenty povndis of the dowbill gersummis quhilk thai haf in keiping in thair handis.

1st May, 1540.

The said day, the haill toune beyng warnit be thair hand bell and officiaris passand throw all the rewis of the towne, to the effect wnder wrytine, gaderit and conuenit within the tolbuitht for the maist pairt, wyth ane voce

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assent and consent chesit thir personis wnder wrytine, that is to say, Thomas Menzeis, provest, Maister Andro Tullideff, Alexr. Menzes, Androw Menzes, and Alexander Gray, balzes; Gilbert Menzes, Andro Cullane, Johne Colleson, Alexr. Ruderfurd, Dauid Andersone, Williame Rolland, Walter Cullane, Duncane Mar, Johne Chalmer, and Johne Rutherfurd, factouris and commissionaris in that part, to se, consult, and considder quhat the towne hes reddy to weir and deburse to the preparatioune of the schip to be send to the kingis grace, of the men and vitteilis according thairto, and be quhat maner the samyn salbe spendit; and gyf thai haf nocht so mekill as wil extend to the repairing of the said schip, to calcul the excess necessar to be spendit, and to se and considder and find the esiast way quhar the same salbe gottine, with powar to thame to gif dischargis and acquyttans thairupoune.

The said day, the prowest commandit and chargit opinlie all and sindry nychtbouris of this toun, that nane of thaim way put nor dispone vpoun the necessaris requirit to the said schip as ane schip of weir, sic as gunnis, culuernigis, pulder, harnes, pyk and vapnis, wyth all vder premunitionis conuenient for ane schip of veir, vnto the tyme the forsaid schip be sted and furnyst with all necessaris, vnder all the hiast pane that thai ma incur heirupoune at our souerane lordis handis.

8th May, 1540.

The said day, the haill towne being warnit be the officiaris, and be thair hand bell passand thro all the rewes and stretis of the same, one the quhilkis the officiaris and belman maid faith in jugment, and the nychtbouris of the samyn beinge weill convenit in the said tolbouth, representand the haill body of the towne for the tyme, it was oppinlie exponit to thaim be the provest forsaid, quhow the auditouris of covnptis haid extremlie exeminyt the covmptis of the said burght, in presens of our lord bischop of Abirden, and quhow the comont guid of the samyn mycht nocht furneise the schip and personis that thai wer chargit to furneise to the kingis grace, and quhow attour the haill commont guid restand, thair behuffyt a gret sowme to be furnest to the neid of the said schip and personagis; quharfor the haill toune consentit and assentit all in ane voce, except Gilbert Tulidef, that thair suld be certane nychtbouris schessin and suorne to sett a generall taxt amang all the nychtbouris of the said burght for the rest of

the furnessing of the said schip, quhilkis all, and in ane voce, scheschit thair nychtbouris, Master Andro Tulidef, Master Johne Gordoun, Johne Collisone yonger, George Bissett, and Sanderis Keyme, to set the said taxt equalie, euery man efter his substance and faculty, quhilkis personis wer suorne the gret aytht in jugment, in presens of the haill communite, to sett the samyn, as thai wald answer to the gret God, noyther for fauour, priar, nor price, moy nor hatrance, but efter thair saull and conscience, as thai wald ansuyr to the gret God, to the kingis grace, and towne of Abirdene, tharvpone. 8th May, 1540.

14*th May*, 1540.

The court wardis and schawis for law, and it wes gewine for dome, that James Gordoun sell content, refound, and pay to Robert Logy thir sowmis of money vnder wrytin : that is to say, four pound xiij s. iiij d., quhilk the said Robert payit to the cheplanis of the cathedrall kirk of Ald Abirdene ; item, xvi d. of letter syluer ; item, x s., quhilk he payit to the cheplane of Sanct Annis altar ; item, xl d., payit to the cheplane of the halyblud altar ; item, xxvj d. for twa yeiris rud malis ; item, xxvj s. ij d., quhilk he payit to Alex. Gray, as souerty for the said James. Summa of the haill is vj lib. xvj s. iiij d., quhilk the balzes chargit him to pay within terme of law, togidder with expenssis of court, to be taxit be thame efterwart.

15*th May*, 1540.

The said day, the haill commissaris, beyng present for the tyme, ordanis the personis chosine taxtaris of the nychtbouris of this toune to sett the said taxt that it extend to the sowme of fyw hunder merkis, to furnyss, repair, and sustene the schip of weir to pass to the kingis grace, and the personis and marenaris to be send thairintill, efter the tenuour of the kingis charge direct heirupoune, ilk nychtbour ane competent part of the sam, according to thair faculte and reches, as the said taxtaris wald ansuyr to God thairupoune.

The haill counsell present for the tym chesit Dauid Andersone, Maister Andro Tullidef, and William Rolland, auditouris of Gilbert Malysonis compt and expenssis, and vpoune the schip grathit be the toune to the kingis grace, with power to allow and dissallow, gif acquittances and dischargis ; quhilkis comptis the said auditouris hes sene and subscrywit, and

15th May, 1540. dischargit the said Gilbert of the sowm of lx lib. and v lib., vairit and deburs it be him for the reparing of the said schip.

16*th May*, 1540.

The said day, the haill consell and commissaris, being present for the tyme, dewysit, ordanit, and war content that the personis vnder wrytine pass in the schip of war preparit be the haill townne to serff the kingis grace, because thai ar maist abill personis, and convenient thairfor be thair wnderstand and knawlege: Andro Menzes, Henry Irwyne, Maister John Gordoune, Dauid Menzes, Henry Collisoun, James Anderson, Alex. Knollis, William Anderson, George Guthrie, James Ruderford, Robert Blak, Thomas Hayeter, Thomas Hay younger, Henry Hay, Duncan Thelly, Gilbert Kyntoir elder, George Leslye, John Kilgour, John Lesly, Richard Irwyn, Sanderis Chalmer, Dauid Chalmer, Allaster Gordoune, Sanderis Duff, Thomas Barbour.

The said day, the counsell and commissaris chesyt Gilbert Menzes, Androw Cullane, John Collisoun, Maister Androw Tullidef, Dauid Andersoun, and Thomas Chalmer, to considder and dewyse quhat the personis aboune wrytine, that passis in the kingis seruice, sall haf to thair expenssis, ilk man according to his degre, because thair is better and war, and aucht nocht all to be equally furnyst with expenssis, quhais expenssis sal be modifeit be the prouest and wtheris that he plessis to tak to him, efter that he haue seyne and considerit the samyn personis.

17*th May*, 1540.

The said day, the consell ordanis to deliuer Johnne Rutherfurd xl s. for careyng of ane bill to the king anens the somoning of Alex. Ruthyrfurd and his barnyss, for the allegit slauchter of Bruce, of the fyrst accedens that cumis in the den of gildis handis.

31*st May*, 1540.

The said day, the haill counsell present for the tyme: that is to say, the prowest, Gilbert Menzes, Androw Cullane, Johne Collisoune, Dauid Andersoun, Maister Andro Tulidef, Alex. Menzes, Thomas Chalmer, Henry Irwyne, Walter Lesly, Gilbert Malysone, Alex. Nicholsoun, Walter Hay, Walter Cullane, Duncan Mar, Johne Collisone younger, Johne Collisone,

son to James Collisone, and Gilbert Menzes younger, consentis and ordanis that the young men that passis in the schip to the kingis seruice be rewardit for thair expenssis be the sycht of the prowest and ony thre personis with him that he pleissis to tak. 31st May, 1540.

2*d June*, 1540.

The sayd day, the provest, balzes, and consell, present for the tym, chesit Androv Menzes, balze, collectour and factour to resaif the taxatioune dewysit to the prepairing of the schip of veir to the kingis grace, and to deliuer the marenellis thair feis, and to furnyss the vittellis of the said schip conforme to the tylkyt of hir furnyssing maid thairupoun.

The said day, the prouest and balzeis ordanis the officiaris to pass and poind the personis for the rest of the taxt dewysit for the furnissing of the kingis schip of thame that hes vnpayit the samen, ilk officiar in his awin quartar, and to poind the rediast of thair geir for the same.

7*th June*, 1540.

The said day, the consell and toune ordanis Thomas Brechine and Robert Cultis to be payit of als mekill fraucht for thair schip, conducit and frauchtyt be thaim to pass in the kingis seruice, as the towne of Dundee pais for thair schip, and mair according to hir byrtth, and the expenssis and coist maid vpoun hir, and feis of the marenallis, maid and debursit be thame, quhilk pertenit to the awnar to do and the said schip hed passit in merchandice, to be allowit in the said fraucht, and to deliuer thair schip agane, with hir pertinentis, safand awentour of see, to the saidis Thomas and Robert, and to do in all thingis as the toune of Dundee dois, according to the said schipis brytht.

30*th July*, 1540.

Rex. Prowest, balzes, and merchandis of our burght of Abirdene, we greyt yow weill: Forsamekill as we causit Androw Buk, skipper of the Nicolace of Abirdene, and certane vderis inhabitaris of our said burgh, to pass with ws in our seruice presently in the ilis with thair schip callit the Martine; quharfor it is our will, and we charge yow, that na maner of schip, strengearis nor wderis, passand furth of our realme, in merchanderis of our said burght, be ladyne vnto the tym the said Nicolas be first seruyt,

30th July. 1540. and that na strengearis be ladin quhill the remanent of the schippis of the toune be first staykit, as ye will ansuyr to ws thairupoune, and vnder the payne of escheting of all your movabill gudis to our wse. Subscrywit with our hand, at Kirkwall, in Orknay, the xix day of June, and of our regne the xxvij yeir. Sic subscribitur, James R.

19*th August*, 1540.

The said day, the bailzeis, Androw Menzeis, Maister Androw Tulidef, and conseill, Gilbert Menzeis, Androw Cullane, Alexr. Rutherfurd, Dauid Andersone, Duncane Mar, Williame Rolland, Robert Cullane, Gilbert Malisone, Gilbert Freser, Valtir Cullane, John Collisone zonger, and Valtir Hay, ordanis thair prowest to pas to the kingis grace, and labour at his vtyr power for a discharge to the haill toun for the slauchter of Wille Bruce; and gif he can nocht get discharge, to get continuatioun to the third day of the nixt justice ayr, and to expone to his grace quhow the townis ewillaris intendis to recompense the pane layd vpoun thame, that now [ ] his grace, bailzie on the toun, quhilk defendit your gracis authoritie, wyth wther gud wordis and solistatioun; and the said prowest desynit na expensis of the toun quhill hes hame cumyng, and than to recumpanse him as he seruis be the conseillis awyise.

3*d February*, 1541.

The said day, the prowest, ballies, and consell, with consent, and at the desyr, of the maisteris of kirkwark, feit and conducit thair seruitour, Robert Wischertt, for the mending of all the holis of thair kirk vindois yeirlie during all the dais of his lyf, and promyttit hym thairfor yeirlie thre merkis, to be payit be the said maisteris of wark at Vitsounday and Mertimess be equall portionis, sua that the said vindois be nocht brokin, extending attour ane futt of glace; and gif it beis mair nor a fut of glace in ane place, to be payit thairfor by his fe, extending to his laubouris, the said maisteris of vark findand hym ledderis, jrn, and lym to the mending thairof. And als thai ordane to gyf hym iiij merkis for this yeir, becaus thai considderit his gryt lauborrowis mad thairupoune.

17*th February*, 1541.

My lord prowest and baillies of this nobill burtght of Aberdeine, onne to your M[ ], humely menis and complenis, I, your nychtbour Alexr.

Melvyng, burges of the said burght, vpoune Agnes Forbes, servant woman in the same, that quhar the said Agnes wes servand to me fra Witsonday to Martimes last bypast, in m v^c fourtty ane yeiris, and hed the cair of my howse and geir thairin for the tyme, vnder me and my wiffe, and had hir meite and fee thairfor, as wthyr servandis in the towne; nochttheless I was skaythit and wanttyt in hir defalt and sleutht, this yeir efter following: in the first, the said Agnes rotht to me ane nop seke on hir defalt, quhilk scho lay vpoune; item, I wanttyt out of my hous in hir defult and sleutht, ane plaid of ix elln, the price xxiiij s.; item, ane blanket of tua eln, the price viij s., quhilk scho hed at evyn and away in the mornyng; item, ane kort sleif of colour the roy, contenand ane eln, the price v s.; item, ane galkoit of stenyng, the price x s.; item, twa hewing aixis, the price vj s. vij d.; item, ane brassin pott, the price x s.; item, certane trinscheounis, pewter discheis, and towellis, and wther small geir quhilk scho hed in cair, extending to xx s.; item, thre young fowlis, the price xii d.; item, the said Agnes resauit fra my wife ayll to sall on Lammes evyn last bypast, extending to xxii s., to hefe payit her quhow sone it had bene sallyt, quhilk ayle siluer the said Agnes refuisyt to deliuer to my said wife and me, and als yit refusis, and wrangously postponis and deferris to mak na compt, raiknyng and deliuerance of ony geir abowne wryttin, and intendis to mak me na payment nor deliuerans thairof, without scho be compellit be justis thairto, beseiking heirfor your M[ ] prowest and balzeis forsaid, to decerne and compell, be justis, the said Agnes to mak me payment and deliuerance of the geir aboune wrytin for pricis forsaid, to giff the said ale siluer to my said wife and me, as said is, be the ressonis and cawsis forsaid, together with my expenssis maid and to be maid in the persute of the samyn, and, gyff neid beis, this my petitioune to hafe the stryntht of ane brocht. 17th February. 1541.

Heir followis the airschip gudis that I, William Igrame, askis at Jonat Bissett, the relict of vmquhill Cristofer Igrame, my broder freman of this burght of Abirdene, and at Robert Barbour, now hir husband, for his entres, as I that is seruit as narrest and lauchtfull air to hym.

Item, in the first, ane gown of Scotis blak, lynit with blak gray; item, ane sakot, coytt and doblait, a sark, a pair of hois, a hat, a bonat; item, ane sword and quhyngar, ane leyth aix, ane jak, and ane steil bonat; item, ane standand bed, ane nop bed, ane pair of scheittis, with twa blankattis,

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tua coddis, ane covering to the bed; item, ane press, ane almery, ane pott, ane pan, ane playt, a dische, a salsar, ane chandlar of brace, ane tangis, ane spyt, with ane lanterene, ane brew fatt, ane kymmeoun, ane geilfatt, ane stand, and a bukatt; item, ane standand buird, with trestis, burdclayth, tua formis, ane cheir, ane quart, ane poynt, and ane choppin; item, ane shaiping knyf, ane schawing irne, ane pair of buyt treis, ane schaiping buird, ane trinkaild, wyth the steill to scherp the schawing jrne; item, ane kyst lokit fast, ane scherp rak for ledder, ane blunt rank, tua settis, with feit necessar thairto; item, a blek tub furnyst, ane vly barrell, with ane vly chopin; item, ane resp, ane turcas, and four cuchin nailis of jrne; item, ane traschor, ane stuffin sclyise, with ane yeirning sclyise, ane conze, ane camroll with ane obiuse; item, ane kestrel and hand ledder, with ane elson; item, ane pryse, with ane turning staf; item, solis exemplis over ledderis exemplis, with a wanpa for a buytt; item, a pair of grytt lastis, ane myddil pair of lastis, and ane less pair of lastis; item, ane stark to vork the ledder vpoun, with thair feytt; item, ane clock, &c. And thir gudis following belangis to the kirk yeird: item, ane flesching buird, with ane fuyt and ane flesching jrne; item, ane cleik and bramskin of ledder, with ane bark pok; item, ane skep, ane schod schuill, with ane lym tub.

23*d February*, 1541.

The said day, the provest, baillies, and counsell, present for the tyme, gaif, grantytt, and consentytt, and assignitt to the craftismen vnder wrytin, that is to say, wrychtis and masonis of the said burght frely lycence to repair and byg thar altar, callit Sanct Johne the Baptistis alter, wythin the parroche kirk of Aberdene, and to decoir the samyn in the maist honest maner, with all maner of accidentis that may be had of the said craft in tyme cumminge, providing always that the gift of the said altar remaine with the tovne nochtwithstanding this gift.

7*th March*, 1541.

The said day, the haill consell, present for the tyme, ordanis John Chalmer to be stoppyt of the bigging of the Vennell and passage that gangis to Sanct Katherenis hill; and ordanis the prowest, baillies, and thair officiaris charge hym to desyst and ceyse fra bygging thairupoun quhill thai be forther awysytt, nocht the les thai lycent the said Johnn to byg alse heycht as the calsay, for saifty of his land and of his nychtbouris

land, swa the passage be nocht stoppyt; and protestit that this lycens hurt nocht the townis rycht. 7th March, 1541.

The haill consell ordanis the maisteris of the brig wark to byg ane bryg of tre our the pot burne, on this syd of the brig of Dee, and to gett and by al thing necessar thairfor; and ordanis him to cause raise ane granatour to course for all stuf, sic as lym, stanis, tymmer, and jrn, takin away fra the brig wark.

17*th April*, 1541.

The said day, the prowest, balzes, and consell consignis and gyffis to Allexr. Gray and Dauid Kintoir, thair lordis of Bonacord chosin this instant yeir, the compositioun of ane freman and burges of gild, to help to the decoratioun and plesour to be done be thaim to this guid towne; and ordanis the officiaris to povnd thairfor, gif neid be.

2*d May*, 1541.

The said day, the prowest and balles chargit the officiaris to pass and poind all and sindry thir personis wnder wrytin, for the commond menstralis feis and vagis, ilk persoun effering to his degre, conforme to the old wse of this burgh, and mak payment to thame thairof within viij [dayis], safar as thai will grant, or the saidis menstrailis ma sufficientlie preif: that is to say, Johnn Moreson, Androw Brabner, Andro Murray, Thom Reid, Alexr. Wentoun, Sanderis Donaldson, Johnn Hercules, and his broder, Thom Andersone, Johnn Finne, Vill Schippert, Wm. Senzeour, John Robertsoun, Alexr. Jafray, John Fruily.

6*th May*, 1541.

The said day, the hall consell, present for the tym, assignis to Robe Portair and Robe Nicholsoun, ilkane of thame, fourtty s., to help to by thame clayse, to be gewin thame yeirly, sua thai continew the sang scuilis and serf in thair queir, as thai do now induring thair will.

25*th May*, 1541.

The said day, the four officiaris maid fayth in jugment, that, at command of the provest and bailzeis, thai passit to all and syndrie the nychtbouris of the toun, induellaris, the four quarteris of the same, and chargit thaim cum

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this day, and tak euery ane of thaim thair part of the beir quhilk wes bocht for the commond weill of the haill toun, and mak payment thairof within tene dayis heireftir, that the fremmit men, fra the quhilkis the said beir wes bocht, ma be outred, swa that the provest and balzeis, quhilkis at command of the haill toun bocht the said beyr for thair proffeitt, be nocht sklanderit and murmovrit be the said fremmit men, nor be nane vtheris; certifeing thame, and euere ane of thame, that and thai cum nocht thir day to resaif the said beyr, that frathinfurtht thai vill gett nane of the same; and sa mony as cummis this day sald be staikit for thair money, paying within tene dayis heirefter; and failzeing of thair cuming to resaif the said beyr, the provest and bailzeis vald dispone and gif the samyn to ony persone or personis for thair money, and leif and licence thame to tak thair vantage thairone, swa that the fremmit men suld be outred. And alswa the bellman maid fayth that he passit, at command of the provest and bailzeis, throw all the rewis and stretis of the toune, chargeand samony nychtbouris as vald heff ony of the forsaid beyr, to cum to the tolbuyth incontinent, certefying thame as is forsaid. And thaireftir, the bailzeis aboune vrittin being sittand jugement, nane of the nychtbouris compering bot ane certane [few] thairof, quharfor thai tuik nott and act of court, that it wes nocht in thair defalt gif the toun wer skatht in selling of the said beir, for the causis forsaid, becaus thai hed varnit the toune to cum and resaif the same, and thai comperit nocht, and thairfor thai decretit to pas, and dispone, and gif the the said beyr to ony maner of persone or personis vald pay thairfor vithin the tyme forsaid, and leif thame to tak thair vantage thairone, swa the fremmit men mycht be outred, as said is.

17*th June*, 1541.

The said day, it wes convenit and aggreit betwix Henry Mowtray, factour and seruand to my Lord of Abirdene, on that ane part, and the principallis of the quhytfischeris of Futty: that is to say, Geilis Monro, Dauid Monro, Johnn Collie [ ] for thaimself and the laif of thair nychtbouris, on that oder part, as after followis: that is to say, the said fisheris ar content, and oblegis thame and thair complices, that thair sall cum nane of them, nor thair seruandis, to gadder thair bait in the watter mouth of Donne, except thair be ane of the maisteris with thame, quhilk sell se that nane of thaim cum neir the watter moutht on the south sid within a pair of but lynthis, nor on the north syd within twa pair of but lynchtis,

and that outwith the flud mark; and that, quhan they veyd the watter, thai sell weid all attanis at ane tyme, and mak no tary in the watter moutht; and the convoyer of thaim sell se and consydder gif thair be ony fysche swomand thair for the tyme, and gyf swa beis, thai sell cause thaim pass about to the brig, and nocht to veid the watter, nor pass throw the samen, for that tym, flud mark. This done, with bayth thair consentis, afor thir wytnes, George [ ] of Fywe, Gilbert Menzeis, vmquhill prowest of Aberdeen, Androw Menzes, Maister Johnn Gordoun, balzes, George Lesly, John Menzes, and Maister Dauid Nicholsone, notar publict, with vder diuerse; and this to be obseruit and keipit vnder all paine and charge that efter ma follow. 17th June, 1541.

3d October, 1541.

The said day, the hail toune, present for the tyme, chesit thir presonis vnder wrytine: that is to say, Thomas Menzes, prowest, Dauid Andersoun, Maister Johnn Gordounn, Alex. Rutherfurd, thre of the ballies of the said burght, Gilbert Menzes, Androw Cullane, John Collisoune, Thomas Chalmer, and Maister Androw Tullidef, thair commissaris in that part, to dewyse ane certane sowme of money for the decoryng and preparing of this guid toune agane the quenis cuming, and to propyne hir efter thair power, as the ald wss hes bene within the burght at the first cuming of princis, and to consult and considder the maist eisy way qwhow the said soum of money ma be gottin, and quhow, and be quhat maner, it selbe distribuit; with power to the saidis commissaris, or the maist part of thame, to sett of new, prolong and formaill, all and syndry the landis of the community of the said burght, and fyschingis of the watteris of Dee and Done, to the nychtbouris burgessis that ar actuall induellaris this guid toun, and to na vderis, for all the days and termes of threttene yeiris immediat following thair entre thairto, quhilk selbe on the vigill of Sanct Androw nixt to cum, and frathinfurth to induir during the space of xiij yeiris forsaid, provyding that the thre yeiris that ar to ryn of the last generall assedatioun be comptit and numerat in the first end of the said threttene yeiris; and ordanis ane commissioune and ane generall assedatioun to be maid thairupoun, and seilit with the commound seill of the said burght; and chesit George Bisset and Walter Cullane collectouris and resauaris of the said soum of money, and to distribuit the samyn at the townis command, and to gif compt and rakning thairof.

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The consell ordanis the denis of gild to pay sklaitter and wrycht for the mending of Sanct Ninianis cheppell, vpon the Castellhill, and it to be allowit in thair nixt compt.

17*th April*, 1542.

The said day, the prouest, balzes, and counsale consignis and giffs to Alex. Gray and Dauid Kintoir, thair lordis of Bonacord chosen this instant year, the compositioun of ane freman and burges of gyld, to help to the decoratioun and plesour to be dun by thame to this guid toune, and ordanis the officiaris to pound thairfor gif nede be.

24*th April*, 1542.

The said day, the prowest, baillies, and counsell, present for the tyme, feit and conducit thair servitour, Robert Wischart, glasinwrycht, to mend and vphald the glasinwark of thair windois of thair parroche kirk of Abirdene, cleynging and dychting of the samyn, and of the presbiter and stallis of thair queir of the said kirk, yeirlie, for all the dais and termes of the said Roberttis liftyme; and promittit him thairfor yeirlie the soume of thre merkis vsuall money of Scotland of yeirlie pensioun, to be pait to hym be the maisteris of the said kirkwark for the tyme, at tua termes in the yeir, Witsonday and Martymes, be tua equall portiounis. The said maisteris findand him ledderis, irn, and lyme, to the mending of the said wyndois. And forther, gif the saidis windois, or ony of thame, happynnis to be brakin, be chaunce of wynd or evill weddyer, attour ane futte of wark to giddyr in ane place, the said Robert to be payt thairfor by his fee, equaliter to his laubouris and stuff, as vtheris craftismen suld hawe; and becaus the counsell hes considerit his laboris mair this yeir nor ony vther yeir bigane, thai ordane the said maisteris of wark to gif him now iiij merkis for his laubouris bigane, he makyng gud service in tyme cuming.

The sayd day, Alex. Kayn, accusit in gugment for his wyff (becauss he oblegit him to ansuer for her deids), for the hawy strublens and vile mispersoning of Alex. Gray and Dauid Kintoir, lordis of Bonacord, and thair company present with thame for the tyme, sayand common beggaris and skafferis, thair meltyd wes bot small for all thair cuttit out hoyss, with mony oder inurious vordis, unleful to be expremit, quhilk the sayd Alex.

denyit; and thairefter it was funden be the haill counsale, present for the tyme, that the sayd Alexirs wyff hed hevily strubled and mispersonit the saydis Alexr. and Dauid, and the remanent of thair company for the tyme, in maner abown wrytin, quherfor he wes convict and put in amerciament of court, to forbeir in tyme cumming, and amend as law will, and that wes geivin for dome, and the amendis tharof continuit to be modifyit eftirwart be the counsale. 24th April, 1542.

5th June, 1542.

The said day, in the actioune and caus of cognitioune movit and persewit be Sir Johnne Cuming, chaplane of Sanct Katherinis chapel, within the burght of Abirdene, aganes Johnne Chalmer, burgess of the said burght, be vertew of our souerane lordis letteris, impetrait be the said Sir Johnne, direct to the prowest and baillies of the said burght, and presentit be him to the prowest and baillies forsaid, makand mentioune: That quhair the said chapell was foundit and biggytt iij^{c} yeir syne be the constabill of Abirdene for the tyme, for decoratioune in honour of Sanct Katheryne, to the quhilk thair lyis ane commoune venneyll and passage within the said burght to our souerane lordis liegis that wald repair thairto, within the boundis following, that is to say, the said vynell liand betuix the land and tenement of Johnne Chalmer on the northt part, and the land of Thomas Scherar on the southt part; and the said Sir Johnnis predecessouris and he, chaplanis of the said chepell, and siclike all our souerane lordis liegis that plesit to repair thairto, hes bene in continuale vse and possessioune of the said vynell, within the boundis forsadis, as ane commoune passage to the said chapell, and reput and haldin past memour of man; quhill now laitlie that Johne Chalmer, burgess of the said burght, be him selfe, his servandis, and complices, in his name, of his causing, command, assistens, and ratihabitioune, wrangowslie molestis and trowbilis the said Sir Johnne in his possessioune and vse of passage throw the said vynell, and wald byg and stop the commoune passage quhilk he suld hafe be the samyn to the said chapell, and will nocht desist and ceis thairfra without he be compellit, as is allegit: chargeing the prowest and bailzeis forsaid to call baith the saidis parteis befor thame, and tak cognitioune in the said mater; and gif it war fundin that the said Sir Johnnis predecessouris and he, chaplanis of the said chapell, hes bene in continuale vse and possessioune of the said vynell, within the boundis forsaidis, as ane commoune passage to the said

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chapell, and sa vsit be our souerane lordis liegis that plesit to repair thairto past memour of man, as said is; and that the said Johnne Chalmer now wrangouslie molestis and trublis him in his possessioune of the said vynell, and stopis him thairby to haue passage to the said chapell, to cause and compell the said Johnne to desist and ceise thairfra, and keip and defend the said Sir Johnne in his possessioune of the said vynell, as commoune passage to the said chapell, ay and quhill he be lauchtfullie callit and ordourlie put thairfra, as at mair lyncht is contenit in the saidis letteris. Be vertu of the quhilkis lettres, the saidis parteis var warnit to this day, to heir and se cognitioune takin in the said mater, and thai compeyring personaly in jugment, with thair procuratouris, thair rychtis, ressownis, and alligatiounis of bayth the saidis partiis, hard, sene, considerit, and wnderstand, and diuerse exceptionis being be thaim proponit, and syndry famovse wytnes, producit be the said Sir Johnne, the said mater and actioune of cognitioune wes put to the decisioun and knawlege of the assyse aboune wrytin, chosin, sworne, and admittit in jugment, in presence of the saidis pairtiis, quhilkis acceptit the mater on thame, and furth of courtt removit and consultand and considerand the rychtis and defenssis of the saidis partiis, and the depositionis of the forsaidis vytnes exeminit diligentlie be thaim of the eldest and mayst famowse personis of the said burght, and thai being ryplie awysit thairwith, enterit in court, and deliuerit all in ane voce, that the said Sir Johnne Cuming and his predecessouris, cheplanis of Sanct Katherinis chepell forsaid, hes bene in continuall wse and possessioun of the said vennall and passage to the said chepell, and all our souerane lordis liegis that plesit to repair thairto, within the boundis folloving, that is to say, betuix the land of Johnn Chalmer on the norcht and the land of Thomas Scherar on the soucht, and as ane commound passage haldin, reputt, and vsit in all tymmis bypast, past memour of man; and that the said Johnne Chalmer nov wrangovslie molestis and trublis him in his possessioun of the said vennell, and stoppis hym thairby to haif [passage] to the said cheppell as ws wes obefor: quharfor the prowest and baillies forsaid aucht to caus and compell the said John Chalmer to desist and ceis thairfra in tym cuming, and to keip and defend the said Sir John Cuming and his successouris, cheplanis of the said cheppell, in possessioun of the said vennell, as ane commound passage to the said cheppell in all tymmis cuming, ay and quhill he be lauchtfullie callit and ordourlie put thairfra, conforme to our souerane lordis lettres forsaid in all

pointis. Quhilk deliuerans and decreit the provest and baillies forsaid admittit, and interput thair authoritie to the samyn, and ordanis it to be obseruit and keipit in all tymmis to cum, and put to dew executioun in al pointis, vpoun the quhilk the said Sir John tak ait and instrument. 5th June, 1542.

27*th August*, 1542.

The said day, the prowest and ballies chargit all the nychtbouris and fremen of this gude towne, of thair awne granting and consent maid in jugment, thai being convenit all for the maist part be the handbell and officiaris, to remane continualy and mak actuall residens within this burght, to keip and defend the samin fra our auld innemeis; and gif ony of thame beis fundin xxiiij houris togidder without the samyn but speciall lycens of the prowest gewin and grantit therto, that he sell tyn his fredome and liberty of this burght, and all takis and profyttis that he hes of the samin, but ony request to be hard or admittit in the contrar.

11*th September*, 1542.

James, be the grace of God king of Scottis, to oure louittis Archibald Herrot [ ] messingeris, oure schireffis in that pairt, coniunctlie and seueraly, specialy constitut, greting: Forsamekill as certan borrowis of our realme ar taxt for furnissing of fitmen to pass to oure bordouris for defens of our realme, our will is heirfor, and we charge yow straitly and commandis, that incontinent thir our letteris sene, ye pass and in our name and authorite command and charge the prowest and ballies of the burght of Abirdein to rayse, ouplyft, and inbryng thair partt of the said taxt, extending to the sowme of ane hundreyth threttene poundis, efter the forme of the taxt roll, and deliuer the said sowme to Wm. Sym, burgesse of our burght of Edinburght, or sic vderis as he sell deputt to resaif the samyn, within xlviij houris nixt efter thai be chargit be yow thairto, wnder the pane of rebellioun and putting of thame to our horne; and gyf thai falze thairin, the saidis xlviij houris being bypast, that ye incontinent thairefter denunce thame our rebellis, and put thame to our horne, and escheytt and inbring all thair movabill gudis to our wss, for thair contemptioun, as ye will ansuer to ws vpoun the executioun of your office, deliuering thir our letteris, be yow duely execut and indorsat, agane to the bairar. Gewin under our signett at Edinburght, the xxii day of August, yeir of God, m. v^{c} fourtty and twa yeris, and of our regnne the xxix yeir.

22d September, 1542.

22*d September*, 1542.

Heir followis the prowisioun and ordinans dewysit be the consell present for the tyme, for the defens of this burght fra the Inglismen, our ald innemeis.

In the fyrst, thai ordane to byg ane bastailze incontinent be the haill commonitie, and chesit Alexr. Gray, Robert Cullan, Dauid Menzes, Gilbert Malison, Walter Lesly, and Robert Blakhall, to be maisteris of vark to the samyn, in the best wyse thai can devyse. And als ordanis to heid the blokhouse with faill, and put ane fulse rief thairon, thykit with faill; and to se, considder, reforme, and mend the artillery, and to mak carttis, boolis, vagis, and all vder necessaris belangand thairto, be the sicht of Dauid Andersoun, balze, and Alexr. Rattre and Johne Mathason with him; and to send till our maister the kingis [grace] ane abill expert man, for twa barrell of pulder, wytht the townis wryting wnder the secreit seill for payment thairof, oder with wyth pulder or money, as it pleissis the kingis grace to charge. Siclik thai ordane the hawin to be chenzit attour the watter, in maist sicker maner, with irne chenzys and maistis, lokit on euere syd of the watter, be the sycht of Dauid Andersonn forsaid; and that thair salbe ane nychtlie vache, to the numer of xii personis, to vache the toun, to be sett in diuerse partis, as it sell pleyse the balze of the quarter to sett thaim, and that euerie nychtbour of this burght vache in propir persoune, quhat euer he be (sa he be abill), for himself, but exceptioune of personis, ilk quarter thair tym abowtt, begynning at Futty quarter, and thairefter in ordour the Grene quarter, the ewin quarter, and the crukit quarter; and that thair be sett ane bell in the ald belhouse beyound the watter. And ordanis ane taxt to be set be the provest and the four ballies, and ouptakin incontinent, for the preparing, completting, and fulfilling of the premisses on euere nycht, be the induellaris within this burght, efter thair substans and faculte, and this to be done in all competent haist and expeditioun.

6th October, 1542.

The said day, the haill consell present for the tym ordanit to byg ane commound hailis vpoun the tovnis pece rayst ground, lyand in the rattoun raw; and ordanis ane partt of the mailis of Ardlar to be tane oup and byg the samyn how sone fair vedder cumis; and ordanis the profyttis thairof to be annexat to the bryg of Dee in all tym to cum, except ij merk to be gewin to the cheplainis of Ald Abirdene, for the annuell of the said pece

ground; and chesit Androw Menzes, Wm. Rolland, Johnn Chalmer, and Walter Hay, maisteris of vark to the byging of the said hailis. 6th October, 1542.

17*th October*, 1542.

The said day, the haill consell present for the tyme chesit Androw Menzes and Alexr. Nicholsoune to be maisteris of the artillierie, and to provyd boolis, slottis, and all vder munitionis requirit thairto, and to provyd for all vder munitionis and thingis necessar for defens of this burght fra the Inglis men, and to tak the rediast of the townis money, quhais handis that euer it be in, to furnis the samen, oder of the Mertimes maill, and ony vder vay; and ordanis Androw Luk to be gyder of the said artillierie, be thair awyse, and promyst to reward him thairfor.

22*d October*, 1542.

The sayd day, the haill towne, all in ane voce, consentit and ordanit, that gyf the hundreyth personis chosin be the prowest to pass to the bordouris passis nocht ouer the watter of Fortht, bot hapnis to returne hame agane haistely on past to the tryst to Gladismoir, or quhar the kingis grace pleisis, that thai sell refound agane samekill money as restis our the expenssis maid be thaim at thair hame cuming; and gyf thai pass our the said watter, to dispon on the money they gett to thair awin wss as thai pleise.

10*th November*, 1542.

The said day, the consell ordanit Androw Menzes and Alexr. Nicholsoun, maisteris of the artilliery, to deliuer and pay to Androw Luk thre pound x s. Scottis, for vij stane of takkillis, gewin be hym for bynding of the gunnis, and v s. for ane stane of pyk, of the first and rediast money that may be gottin of the townis.

13*th November*, 1542.

The said day, the prowest and haill consell, present for the tym, ordanis that the haill townis maillis and profyttis, baith of watteris and landis, except the kingis few, be takin oup, to the furnissing and preparing of the artillery in all thingis necessar, be the maisteris of the said artillzery; and that thai tak the irne chenzeis of the towne, and chenze the hawin with mastis bandit and bound with jrne, as wes devysit obefor for defens of the

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towne, wyth all vder munitionis and strynthis, be maid for defens of the toun, be sycht of the said maisteris of vark, with the money forsaid, and that thair singaris tak partt and partt of thair feis quhill the towne ma guidly pay thaim.

17th November, 1542.

The balzes forsayd and the haill towne, beyng convenit with the handbell in the tolbucht of Abirdene, chesit William Rolland, Walter Cullan, Gilbert Freser, Alexr. Kyntoir, and Alexr. Forbes, taxtaris, to sett and extent the nychtbouris of this burght efter thair substance, to the sowme of xxxvii lib. xiij s. iiij d., to be send to the collectouris of the kingis taxtt, for the furnissing of the expenssis of certane vageouris on the bordour, conforme to our souerane lordis letteris direct thairupoun.

27th November, 1542.

The sayd day, the haill consell, present for the tyme, all in ane voce, ordanit that the maister of thair grammar scuyll sell haf iiij s. Scottis, of the sobirest persoun that resauis him and the bischop at Sanct Nicolace day till his vage, at the leyst, and euere vder honest men to gif him at thair plasour; and gif ony honest man of ony reputatioune, oder craftisman or vder, haldis furth the bischop and giffis hym nocht entres, he sell pay iiij s. to the maister, and viij s. to the baillies onforgewin for thair wnlaw, and ordanis the officiaris to pound and distrenze for the samin; and that because it ves considerit be thaim that he hes na vder fee to leif on, lyk as his predecessouris hed afor him, and vder maisteris of vder scuiles.

9th January, 1543.

My lord prouest and balzeis of this nobill burghe of Abirdene, on to your M[ ], humilie menis and complenis your M[ ] seruitour and nychtbour, Johnn Brabaner, burgis of the said burgh, on Alex. Freser, litster, an burgis of the said burghe: That quhar Alex. Freser, the forsaid Alexanderis brother sone, resauit fra me in Abirdour thrie scoir and iiij lambis, the price of the pece, ij s., the soume of the haill, vj lib. viij s.; with the quhilkis lambis the said Alexander intromittit and disponit the samin to his vtilite and proffeit, and causit to put thame in Carnbrogy to keip thair to his vse; item, deliuerit to ane of the said Alexanderis seruandis, at his command, four doussoun of alme, the price of the dossoun,

xiij s.; item, thairefter deliuerit to ane of the forsaid Alexanders seruandis xxix lib. of alme, the price of the lib. xiiij d.; item, the said Alexander resauit furth of my loft in this toun xv stane of vald, the price of the stane, vj s. viij d.; item, the said Alexander bocht and resauit fra me ane half pak of vad, the price, v lib.; item, my vif, at my command, deliuerit to the forsaid Alexander vj dossoun of madder, the price of the dossoun, xij s.; item, deliuerit to the said Alexander, at his awin leid, ane hundreth Flemis lib. of alm, contening vij doussoun viij lib. Scottis, the price of the Scottis doussoun, xiiij s.; item, ane servand of the said Alexanderis, at his command, resauit fra me, furth of Monkegy, xx lambis, price of the pece, ij s.; item, I and Johnn Freser, laxfyschar, my seruand for the tyme, deliuerit to the said Alexander vj barrallis of salmond, full reid and sueit, of the rychtus kynd of this toun, price of the barrall, iij lib. x s. vsuall mony of Scotland; with the quhilkis guidis and geir, of the price aboue vrettin, the said Alexander Freser, litster, as said is, intromittit and wranguslie withhaldis the samin fra me as yit, and postponis and refusis to pay to me the prece of the samyn, as is aboun exprimit, wranguslie, and agains the law, without he be compellit be your M[ ] thairto; besiking heirfoir your M[ ] to cause and compell the said Alexander, litster, to refund, content, and pay to me, the forsaid Johnn Brabner, the soumis aboun vrettin; protesting that quhowmekill I ma preif, to vptene the samyn, and to discend or ascend tueching the sommiss; and this my petition to haif the stryncht of ane brocht, and to eik, ampill, change, or correct the samyn als oft as neid beis, and is lesum of the law; and your M[ ] ansuer heirupoune humilie I beseik, for the luf of God and zeill of justice, togidder vyth my expenssis of court maid, and to be maid, in the persut of the premissis. 9th January, 1543.

8th February, 1543.

The said day, the court wardis and schawis for law, and it ves gewin for dom, that Maister Dauid Nicholsone sell restoir and delyuer to James Litster ane gryt litting leid, price twenty poundis, ane litill litting leid, price sax poundis, ane masar of siluer, ane spwne of syluer, ane bassing, ane lawar, ane sasar, a saltsar, a cod, and ane gryt pott, giff the said James prewis ther wes ane gretar pott nor he hes gottin, as guidis of airschip pertening to hym be deceis of Allan Litster his fader; with the quhilkis guidis the said Maister Dauid intromittit with efter the deceis of his fader, and ordanis the officiaris to pound James Fentoun thairof, as cautioner to the said

8th February, 1543. Maister Dauid, of all vder gudis of airschip that the said James ma clame at hym be any way, at that wess gewin for dom. And the said Maister Dauid allegit him hurtt be the baillies throw the gewin of this decreyt abown writtin, quhairfore he appelit thirfra to the lordis of consell.

24th March, 1543.

Marie, be the grace of God quene of Scottis, to oure louittis James Collison, [ ] oure shirreffis in that part coniunctlie and seueralie, specialie constitute, greting: Forsamekill as it is humely menit and schewin to ws be our louit Robert Nicholsoun, sone naturale of vmquhill Maister Dauid Nicholsoun, that quhair laitlie befoir the deces of his said fader, he wes reibillit and legitimat to that effect, that he mycht be air, and succeid to the said Maister Dauid, in all his landis, rentis, heretageis, and airschip gudis pertening to him within oure realme, as the lettres of legitimatioun maid to the said Robert tharwpoun mair fullelie proportis. Neueryeles his said fader now being decessit, the prowest and baillies of our burgh of Abirdene, within quhais boundis his landis and heretage lyis, postponis and differris to enter the said Robert his air thairto, as wse is of our said burgh, and to deliuer to him the airschip gudis pertening to him throw his deceis, without thay be compellit, as is allegit. Our will is heirfoir, and we charge yow straitlie and commandis, that incontinent thir oure letteris sene, ye pas, and in oure name and auctorite command and charge the saidis baillies, gif the said fader forsaid be decessit, and gif the said Robert be legitimat, and maid habill to succeed as air to him, that thai serve him as air to his said fader, and ken and enter him to all his landis, rentis, heretagiis, and possessionis, within thair boundis, as vse is of our said burgh, and deliuer to the said Robert all airschip gudis pertening to him throw his said faderis deces. And we, with avise and consent of the lordis of oure consale, will and grantis that the serving of the said Robert as air to his said fader, and entering of him to his landis and heretage, and deliuering to him of his said faderis airschip gudis, salbe imput na falt to the saidis prowest and baillies, and inquest, and that thay sall nocht be callit nor accusit thairfore, nor incur ony skaitht or danger thairthrow, in thair personis, landis, or gudis, in ony vyse in tyme cuming, efter the forme of the said Robertis legitimatioun forsaid, and according to justice, as ye will ansuer to ws thairwpoun. The quhilk to do we commit to yow coniunctlie and seueralie our full power, be thir oure lettres, deliuering thame

be yow deulie execut and indorsat agane to the berar, vndir our signet, at Edinburgh, the xii day of Marche, and of our regnne the secund yeir. 24th March, 1543.

13*th May*, 1543.

The said day, the prowest, balzes, and consell, conuenit for the maist pairt within the cheptour of thair parrise kirk of Aberden, all in ane voce grantit and consentit that our lord the gouernouris request, to gif to the religiouse men frer Johnne Roger, and to frer Waltir Thomsoun, his marrow, to their honest sustentacioun, daylie, induring thair will, thre s., with ane honest chalmer, and ordanis the rediest of thair mailis to be taking oup of thair wattir of Downe and croftis, and thair expensis to furnest them with, and that for thair leill and trew lawtaful seruice to be done in preching and teching of the trew Vord of God, and thair daylie prearis for the estait of the lord gouernouris grace, the commont weill of this realme, and of this guid towne; and ordanis, siclik, that Alexander Rutherfurd, balze, be ansueriit of the said mailis correspondand to the diattis that thai haue bene wyth him of the price forsaid, that is to say, ilk day thre s.

11*th June*, 1543.

The said day, the haill consell, present for the tyme, considering our Maister, James Erll of Errane, Lord Hamiltoun, and protectour and governour of this realm, and tutour to our souerane lady the quenis grace, is to cum heir within schort tym to the burght, quhairthro na prouisioun for making of triumphe at his first entre can be hed nor provydit, and thairfor thocht it expedient, all in ane voce, to propyne his lordschip with ane twne of wyne, ane last of beir, thre stane of vax, iij dossand of cumfeythis; and this money thai ordane to be gottin and ouptakin as efter followis: in the first, fra Androw Menzes, in partt of payment of the sovm of money that he suld pay the toune for the landis of Cunyngstounis seytt, ane twn of wyne, for fourtty four pundis; fra Dauid Wschart, for his composicioune of fremanship, four pound; and fra Andro Lesk, for his composicioun, xl s.; and the rest to be takin oup of the rediast of the townis commond guid, to furniss the remanand of the said propyne.

The said day, the haill consell, present for the tyme, gaif and grantytt to thair lowyt seruitour, Maister Edward Menzes, thair cheplanre, and

11th June, 1543. altar of the haly ruid in the organe loft, now vacand in thair handis, be the deces of wmquhill Schir John Fyf, last possessour thairof, for his guid, thankfull, and devyn seruice to be done at the said altar, for the fundatouris saull, conforme to the foundation; and ordanis Androw Menzes, bailze, pas and gyf hym institution thairof.

22*d June*, 1543.

The sayd day, Wm. Mathesoune, fyscher, wes convict be ane sworne assise, for the strublens of John Valcar, and cutting of his lynis, and strublens of all his bottis schipping, and the sayd Johnn Valcar maid quytt of all strublens of the said Wm. Mathesoune; quharfor the said Mathesoun was put in amerciament of court, to forbear in tym cuming, and wes chargit be the ballies to amend the skayth don be hym in cutting of the said lynis, and to compeir on Monunday nixt cummis, to se the amendis modifiit for the said strublens.

20*th August*, 1543.

Responsio cedule misse a Domino ab Huntlie.

My lord, we recommend our hartlie and humil seruice vnto your lordschip. Pleis wyt, we haf resauit your writing fra your lordschipis seruand, Maister Johnne Gordoune, our bailze, desyrand ws to furnis your l[ ] ane honest cumpany of able zong men, to pass southtwarht with your lordschip, for actionis concerning the commoun weil and liberalitie of this realme, and weill of our maistres the quenis grace in hir les aige. My lord, we beseik your l[ ], as our maist speciall protectour and defendar wnder the crown, lyk as all your maist noble progenitouris hes bene in all tymmis bygane, in quhom we put our hoip and ferme beleif to be mentenit and defendit, and to quhom we will obey and serf at our wtter power at this tym, your l[ ] pleise consider our inhabilitie, for diuerse caussis, fyrst, the gryt skaith that we haf gottin be se, in tynsel of our men, geir, and schippis, and of this lang weir that we haf hed na chenge in merchandis, quhilk is our lewing, and the grit dartht and skantnes in the contray, that we ma nocht guidlie furnis ony cumpany plesant to your lordschip nor according to our honestie; and mair attour, my lord, thair is ane charge cumin to ws fra the governour, afoir your l[ ] charge, quhilk we may nocht fulfill for the caussis aboun exprimit; quherfor we beleif your lordschip wilbe so graciuss to pardon ws to remane at hame at this tym, and quhen

your lordschip hes acht ado, ve vill serf your lordschip at our vtter power, be Goddis grace, quha mot preservf your lyrdschip in saull and body, at your noble harttis desyir. Of Abirdein, this xviij day of Agust, m° v^c xliij. Be your lordschipis humil seruitouris at power, provest, baillies, and consell of Abirdene. 20th August, 1543.

30*th August*, 1543.

The sayd day, the hail towne being warnit be thair officiaris and the hand bell, and convenit, for the maist partt, within the tolbuitht, representand the haill body of the toune, it wes exponit to thaim be Thomas Menzes of Petfodellis, comptrollar to the quenis grace, thair prowest, how he is send heir be our maister, the governour, to inquyr the nychtbouris of this burght, gif thai vald fortify and menteyne his authorite aganis certane conspiratouris, and to wyt thair myndis in that behalf, sua that he may defend thame and thair liberteis and fredomis in tyme cuming; and thai being opinlie requirit heirto, grantit, all in ane voce, nane allegiand nor sayand in the contrar, to serf him at thair wtter power at all tym, and to defend and mentaine his authorite sa far as is in thaim; on the quhilk the said comptrollar tuk act and instrument.

The said day, the hail toune, being convenit as said is, ordanit, dewisit, and thocht it expedient and necessar to haf ane nychtlie vache in this toun, becaus of the brokining of this realme, as is daly sene, and that the portis be mendytt and lokit, and reformit as mister is, with boumis, catbundis, and chenzes, as thai hed vont to be, and this to be guid wyth in all guidlie haist.

19*th October*, 1543.

Alsua, becaus the toune is hauely murmurit be the landmen, that the vittell byaris of the merkat, scattis thame grytlie in taking of sampillis, scheytschakkingis, and sic oder ewill vsit custum, and be the belman in taking ondiscrytlie for this dwety, sua that na vittell cumis to the merkatt; it is thocht expedient be the consell that thair tollar, Wm. Rolland, cause mak ane mesour, to mett and resaif the malt, of alse gryt quantitie as the haipit firlott extendis to, and ane pek corresponding thairto, be straikit with ane just straik, as the meill is; and that na sampill nor scheytschakin be gewin nor takin thairof, wnder paine of escheting of the haill vittell; and

19th October, 1543. that thair be ane mesour of competent quantite maid of jrn to the belman, with the quhilk he sell resaif his dwetyce of the bell, and na mair, and this thai ordane to be maid incontinent, and obserwytt in all tym to cum.

The sayd day, the consell ordanis to byg and mend all the porttis of this towne, and ane new port of stane to be maid in the Nedderkirkgett, quhar the ald port wes, and to be lokit nychtlie fra x houris furtht, and to be wachit and keypit be the four quarteris of this burght, and balze therof, ilkane thair tyme about; and that euerie nychtbour keyp his awin bak yett, and ansuer thairfor, that nane gett entres thairat, wnder the pane of tynsell of thair fredome. And ordanit Alexr. Ruthirfurd, den of gild, to be maister of vark thairto, and to begin and end the samin with diligens and all competent haist, for certane caussis mowing thame, of the quhilk thai ar laitlie aduertisit.

9th November, 1543.

The said day, the consell ordanis the pynouris to help to dycht and clenge al the calsais of this guid toune, euery pynour his day aboutt.

19th January, 1544.

The said day, the haill tovnn being varnit to this day, be thair hand bell passand throcht all the rewis and stretis of this guid townn, on the quhilk the berar thairof maid fayth in iugment, to gif ansuer to the quenis grace letteris vnder writin, and comperand for the maist pairt, representand the haill body of the toun, comperit Carrik pursephant, and presentit thir letteris vnderwritin to the said bailzes, requyrand thame, in the quenis name, to put the same to dew execution, and caus the sowmes of money contenit thairintill to be pait, vnder the panis contenit in the same. Quhilkis letteris beyng red opinlie in iugment, in presens of the said townn, Dauid Andersoun, bailze, requirit the said townn, convenit as said is, to cheise thair taxtaris to stent and taxt the sowmes contenit in the saidis letteris on the nychtbouris and inhabitantis of the said burgh, protestand solemplie, in name of the saidis bailzies, becaus thai postponit to do the same, that quhat skaythis and dampnage hapnis to cum on the prouest and bailzeis for non paiment of the sovmes contenit in the letteris vnder writtin, the tane of the dait the tent day of Januar, and the tother of the dait the xxix day of December, and of our souerane ladyis regne the thrid yeir, suld

cum on the said townn and nocht on thaim, becaus tha offerit thame redy to do to the said letteris the aucht of ressoun, and the said toun postponit to fulfill the same. 19th January. 1544.

My lord prowest and bailzeis of this noble burgh of Abirdene, vnto your worschipis, humelie menis, shavis, and complanis, I, Catherin Melwin, dochtir to vmquhill Alexander Melwin, burges of the said burgh, and Andro Barre, my spouse, for his interes, one Thomas Ross and Issabell Melwin, his spouse, duelland at the Myll of Balnacrag, now apprehendit within your iurisdictioun and vnder your ward, in ane townn of iustice, and be the preuelge of the same, aucht to ansuer afor your w[ ] at our instance. That quhar the said Thomas and Isabell intrometit with xvj yowiss, price of the pece, vj s., viij d.; xiij hogis, price of the pece, v s., in the yeir of God j^m v^c xxxv yeiris; item, tua young oxin, price of the pece fifty s.; item, ane kow, price xl s., in the yeir of God j^m v^c xxxvi yeris, or thairby; and therefter, in the yeir of God j^m v^c xxxviij yeris, intrometit with ane young ox of tua yer auld, price xl s., and ane cow, price xl s.; and thairefter, in the yeir of God j^m v^c xxxix yeris, intrometit with ane yovng ox, price xl s.; and in the yeir of God j^m v^c xl yeris, intrometit with ane young kow of tua yeir auld, price xxvi s. viij d.; and thairefter, in the yeris of God, xxxvj, xxxvij, xxxviij xxxix, and xl yeris, respectiue, intrometit with tua young oxin of thrie yeir auld, price pece xx s., tua young oxin of tua yeir auld, price pece, xxvi s. viij d., deliuerit to thame be vmquhill the said Alexander, my fader, and his seruandis, in his name, to be keipit to my vtilite and proffeit, pertening to me be ressoun of gift maid to me thairupoun be the said Alexander, &c.

26th January, 1544.

The sayd day, the hayll tovnn beyng varnit to this day be thair hand bell passand throcht all the rewis and stretis of this said toun be the berar therof, on the quhilk he maid fayth in iugment, and in speciale be the officiaris of the said burghe, on the quhilks inlikwyise thai maid fayth in iugment, and comperand for the maist part, representand the haill body of the townn, thar was presentit to tham the quenis grace lettres afor writtin: ane one the sowme of four hundreth lib. xiiij lib. vj s. viij d. of taxt, for furnesing of ane thowsand horse to remain with the locumtenant on the bordouris, for resisting of our auld ennimeis of Ingland, during the space

26th January, 1544. of thre monethis; and als thair was presentit in iugment twa writingis of the Erle of Huntlie, locumtenent generale of the north of Scotland, be his seruandis, vpoun the said toun, for the furnesing of ane hundreth men out of the said townn in feir of weir, with all necessaris as efferit, with tuenty dais vitelling, to pas with the said locumtenent for resisting of Donald Ilis, quhilk, with his complicis, is cumand, as is allegit, vpoun the quenis landis of Ross for inuasion thairof and conquesing of the same, and to meit the said locumtenent the last day of Januar instant, at Elgen, in thair maist honest maner, togidder with ane precept of the said locumtenentis direct vpon the haill fensabill men within the boundis of his locumtenendry, ass weill of spirituale mennis landis and wtheris, to the effect forsaid; quhilkis letteris, writingis, and precept being opinlie red in iugment, in presens of the said tounn, and publeist to thame at lynth, lik as in the same mair fullilie is contenit, the said townn, efter lang auisament heirwpoun, considderit and thocht that thay mycht not satisfy and fulfill bayth the saidis chargis, becaus the townn is decavit and puir; thairfor thay concludit and thocht it necessar to writ to the gouernour, and schaw his grace thair locumtenentis chargis cumyng one thame for the causis forsaid, with the copyis of the said chargis, that his grace, of his guidnes, may consider that the said puir towne ma nocht obtempir to the said quenis grace taxatioun forsaid, and that, for the causis aboun writin, thai wald furness iij^{xx}, or fifty men at the lest, to pas to the said locumtenent, to the effect aboun writtin; and therfor, all in ane voce, chesit Dauid Andersoun, William Rolland elder, Gilbert Malisoun, Sanderis Forbes, and Gilbert Brabaner, taxtaris, to taxt and stent the inhabitaris of the said burgh to the furnesing of the said personis; and forder, the haill townn conuenit, as said is, all in ane voce, na maner of persone opponand in the contrar, consentit, war content, and ordinit, that all the fre mone the towne hes afordale, bayth of thair commound gudis, malis of Ardlar, denys of gild siluer, and all wther maner of fre mone thai haue afor hand, be tane oup incontinent to the furnesing of the said personis; and gif the said mone will nocht furneiss the forsaidis for ane moneth, or, at the lest, for the space aboun writin, the said taxtaris to taxt and stent the remanent necessar for thair furnesing, be the avise of the prouest, vpoun the nichtbouris of the said towne and inhabitantis thairof, efter thair sawlis and conscience, but feid or fauour; to the quhilkis, thai and ilk ane of thame is sorne the gryt ayth in iugment, and hes accepit the said mater one thame, in presens of the said tounn, abefor thir vitnis, Wil-

liame Lesly of Balquhane, John Lesly of the Syid, Maisteris Thomas Annand, Johnn Hay, and John Kennedy, notaris publik. 26th January. 1544.

1*st Feburary*, 1544.

The said day, the prouest, Thomas Menzies, and Maister Johne Gordoune become souerteis to the towne of Abirdene for deliuerance agane to the said towne of thair artailzarie efter following: that is to say, ane falcown, kilis pece, hollis pece, and thre serpentinis, with tene chalmeris, five wagis, and tene jrne nalis, cartit and quhelit, with half ane barrell of powder, quhilk was lent for the tyme to the locumtenant of the north, the Erle of Huntlie, and put in Sanderis Ratrais schip that passit to Inuernes, for the tyme, to serue the said locumtenent for resisting of the Ilis men, as was allegit, or thane the avale of the same, within xl dais nixt heirefter.

The said day, Maister Johnn Gordoun and Andro Menzies become souerteis to Alexr. Ratraye for ane noble and mychty lord, George Erle of Huntlie, locumtenent of the north, to pay the said Alexander thretty pundis of the rest of the hundreth lib. promittit him for the fraucht of his schip to the north partis of Scotland; and the said Alexr. grantit him pait of thre scoir and tene lib. of the said hundreth pundis, for the causis forsaid; and the said thretty pundis to be pait conforme to the contract maid the tyme of the frauching of the said schip.

The said day, the prouest, bailzeis, and counsale, present for the tyme, alovit to Johnn Chalmer thretty s. Scottis mone for the pair of cart quhelis, shod with jrne, bocht fray [him] be Gilbert Malisoun and William Rolland, in the townis name, in compleit paiment of the said Johnis intromissioun with the malis of the landis of Ardlar, becaus he had maid compleit paiment of the remanent thairof abefor, and decernit him ane acquittance of the said malis, vnder thair seill of cause, and ordanit the keipar thairof to seill the same.

5th February, 1544.

The said day, Alexr. Ratray protestit that quhat hapin woid of the artailzerie and pouder put in his schip be the towne to serue the Erle of Huntlie, locumtenent of the north, that he be nocht indettit to ansuyr ther-

5th February, 1544. for, becaus he resauit the same bot in the erlis name; on the quhilk he tuik instrument afor thir vitnes, the tua bailzeis forsaid, Gilbert Tulidef, Gilbert Malisoun, and John Crawfurd.

20*th February*, 1544.

The said day, the haill tovnn, baith fremen and vnfremen, being varnit be the hand bell passand throcht all the rewis and stretis of this guid town, on the quhilk the berar maid faith in iugment, and conuenit for the maist pairt, representand the haill body of the townn, the prouest causit reid opinlie the quenis grace letteris vpoun iiij^{c} xiiij lib. vj s. viij d. Scottis mone of taxt of this burgh for furnesing of horsemen at the bordouris, quhilkis war presentit lang afor to the said town be Carrik pursephant, togidder with ane vther letter of the said quenis graces, be deliuerance of the lordis, chargeand the inhabitantis, nychtbouris, and induellaris the said burgh to pay respectiue thair pairt of the said taxt, conforme to the stenting and rolling thairof, within thre dais nixt efter tha be chargit, vnder the pain of rebellion, and putting of thame to our souerane ladyis horne; and, gif thai failzeit thairin, the said thre dais being bypast, to denunce thame our souerane ladyis rebellis, and put tham to hir horne, and escheit and inbring all thair mowabill gudis to hir vse, for thair contemptioun, lik as in the said letteris at mair lynth is contenit. Quhilk letteris beyng red in presens of the said townn, the prouest requirit the said townn, conuenit as said is, to name and cheise taxtaris to taxt and stent the said sowme on the nychtbouris and inhabitaris of the said burgh, as tha wald ansuer to the quenis grace and gouernour thairwpoune; and thairefter tha nemmit thir persons following, viz.: Valter Cullane, Gilbert Tulidef, Walter Hay, George Bissat, and Andro Losone, and becaus tha war nocht present to accept the said mater one thame, the prouest and bailzeis ordanit thair officiaris to varne thame to Mononday nixt cumis to accept the said mater one thame, and be sorne thairto, as vse is, as tha wald answer to the quenis grace and gouernour thairwpoun. And thaireftir, the vj day of Marche, and yeir forsaid, the haill consell, present for the tyme, elect and chesit Alexr. Rudirfurd and Gilbert Malysoun taxtaris to the v personis forsaid, and ordinit the haill vjj personis forsaid to be varnit to the vij day of Marche nixt cumis, to accept the said mater on thame, and be sorne thairto.

1st *April*, 1544.

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The sayd day, the consell, present for the tyme, conducit Androw Mowat, gunnar, to serf the toune towart the defens of the same fra our ald innemeis of Ingland, in clengin and repairing of the artilzery, and vsing the samin in tymmis requirit for defens of this burgh, for the space of twa monetht immediat following the 15 day of Marche last bypast, for four pound Scottis ilk moneth induring the said space, and forthir, sa lang as the toune pleissis to hald him in seruice of the samen price: to the quhilk he oblegit him faythfully, and to serf na vder within the realme nor without, salang as the toune pleissis to hald him for the sowme forsaid.

30*th April*, 1544.

Heir followis the ordinans of the consell, cônvenit for the maist pairt in the consell hous the penult day of Aprill, in the yeir of God m v^c xliiij yeiris, for the defens of this toune fra the Inglismen, quhilkis ar purposit to aryw in this hawin, as thai vnderstand be suir aduerteisment.

Item, the consell ordanit to lok and chenze the hawin mowcht wytht maystis and rakkillis of irne, in the maist suwir maner, be the ingyne of craftismen, and men of experiens that hes vesijt vder partis. Secundly, to prepar the artilzery, and to get all necessaris requirit to thaim, and, specialy, certane chalmeris, stokkis, waggis, powlder, carttis, quheilis, and bowlattis, with all vder thingis concerning thair reparatioun. Thirdly, to byg ane stark bastalze, with rauchteris or dailis, and sic vder tymmir, and sand cassin to the bak of the tymmir, for eschewing of shoit of gwn, with passagis to ische furth betuix ilk xxx^ty fut, be the sycht and devyse of craftismen, and to batall the heyd of the blokhouse abown with ane dyk of xii fut thyk.

And, for the furnyssing and compleytting of the premissis, and getting of money thairto, the consell thinkis expedient that thair be tuelf scoir merkis takin of the mailis of Ardlar, becaus thair is na money aforhand pertening to the towne, noder of commound guid nor accedent, and thai can find na vder way at this tym for getting of money to furnyss the premissis. And becaus the said money pertenis to the ouphald of the bryg of Dee, and the toune may nocht dispone the samen, nor na pairt thairof,

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by the wse and vark of the said bryg, thay think it expedient to gyf and appropriat the mailis of ane half nettis fysching of Done, extending yeirly to tuelf merk of maile, to the ouphald of the sayd bryg, and to be ouptakin, and keipit, and disponit be the collectouris of the maylis of Ardlar forsaid, to the profyt of the said bryg, and to be annexat to the forsaid bryg, and ouphald thairof with the said mailis of Ardlar ay and quhill the said sowme of tuelf scoir merkis be refoundit to the maister of the bryg for the tym, and collectouris of the profyttis thairof; and ordanis chartour instrument, precept of sesing, and reuersione, to be maid in the sickerest sort heirvpoune, and ordanit William Rolland and Gilbert Malysoun, maisteris of the artilzery and varkis forsaid, to resaif the said sowme of money, and deburss the samen to the effect abowne exprimyt, and the vast and excrescens thairof to be [ ], and salbe sufficient discharge to the said William and Gilbert, sa far as thai deburse; and quhat less beis tane to the furnyssing of the said wark, the reuersioun to be maid on less and mair, gif it requyris.

31*st April*, 1544.

The sayd day, the haill toune being warnyt be the hand bell passand throw all the rewis of the toune, and convenit, for the maist pairt, within the tolbuyth, consentit, all in ane voce, to the ordinans of consell anens the munitionis to be maid for defens of this guid toune fra the Inglismen, and to the getting of the money for furnessing and compleyting thairof in all thingis, as is content in the act abowne wrytin, quhilk act and ordinans thai ratifiit, apprewytt, and affermytt in jugment.

2*d May*, 1544.

The sayd day, the baillies and consall, present for the tyme, commandit and ordanyt Mage Durtty, quhilk ves convict twise obefor, for the strublens and mispersonyng of Jonet Lesly, to cum on Sonday nixt to cum, with ane candill of vax of ij lib. in hir hand birnand, and syt down on hir knees and ask the said Jonat forgifnis, and request the gudmen of the toune to cause the said Jonat forgife hir; and gyf euer scho commyttis sic faltis agane, thai ordan hir crag to be put in the gof, and to pay baith the sowmis of money contenit in the actis maid abefoir, viz., xv merkis, to be applyit to Sanct Nicolass vark.

11*th May*, 1544.

11th May, 1544.

The sayd day, the hail consell and ane pairt of the tovne, being convenit within the chepdour of Sanct Nicolass kirk, ordanit Thomas Menzeis, thair provest, to ryd to Dundy to the lordis, for consultatioun to be maid for the commound weill, and adressing of thair wther purpos, to be maid for the Inglismen that ar now presentlie within the realm, and ordanit to gif hym xx poundis for his expenssis of the money of Ardlar, now asignyt for addressing of the townis bissines.

Item, the consell ordanis thair chartour keyst, with the euidentis contenit thairin, to be put in suir fermans for keping in secreit manir, be the awyse of Dauid Andersoune, George Bissett, and Walter Cullan, and thai to schaw the provest thairof in secreit, and ordanit thame to mak ane inuentour of the haill euidentis contenit in the said kyst.

Item, the consell ordanis the maisteris of artilzery to pas with the mayster of kirkwark, and serss quhar ony irn may be gottin pertening the kyrk, or quhar euer it ma be gottin within this burght, and tak the samen for compleytting of the townis ordinans of defens, and that thai vey and vryt the quantite thairof, sua it be pait and recompensit efterwards; and Alexr. Ruthirfurd allegit he hed four gryt chandlaris of irn pertening to him, now lyand in the luge, quhilkis he gaif to the said wark.

Item, the consell conducit Alexr. Rattray as ane gunnar, and ordanit to gif him alse mekill in the moneth as the toder gunnar gettis, viz., ilk moneth iiij lib. Scottis, and ordanis the maisteris of the artilzery to ansuer thame of thair feis.

13*th May*, 1544.

The said day, the haill tovnn beyng as is afor writin, comperit in iugment Robert Ratray yovngar, and thair puirlie and simpillie resignit and our gaif in the prouestis handis, in name of the haill tovnn, the haly dais fische of Dee, and syise boll, with the pertinence vse and wont, quhilk he had afor in tak of the said tovne, and all rycht, and titile of rycht, he had, or mycht haue, thairto, in fauoris of Alexander Ruderfurd, burges of the said burgh, hes ares and assignais; and thairefter, the haill tovnn beyng conuenit, as said is, and circularie inquirit be Andro Menzeis, bailze, ad-

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mittit and ressauit the said Alexander Ruderfurd thair tennent and takisman to the said haly dais fische and syise boll, vse and wont; and ordanit ane assedatioun to be maid to him, his ares and assignais, malis, burgessis, and actuale iuduellaris the said burgh thairupoun, for all the dais and termes of tene yeris nixt, and immediatlie following his enteres thairwith, quhilk enteres salbe at the day and dait heirof; the said Alexander, his ares or assignais forsaid, payand thairfor yeirlie to the tovnis maister of kirkwark for the tyme thre barrellis of salmond, full reid and sueit, sufficient merchand guid of the richtus bind of Abirdene yeirlie, at the letter Mary day, or ellis nyne lib. Scottis mone ilk yeir for the same, at the said terme; and als ordanit the keiparis of thair commend seill to seill him ane assedatioun thairupoun; on the quhilk the said Alexander tuik act of court and instrument, afor thir vitnes, Maisteris Thomas Annand, John Kennedy, and Patrik Gray, with wtheris diuerse.

26th May, 1544.

Heir follows the wryting send be my Lord Huntlie to the baillies, consell, and communite of this guid towne:

Rycht treist cousingis, I commend me hartlie to yow: Ye sall vnderstand I am informit of the gryt feir ye wndirly daly, and continouall dreddour quhilkis the communite and peple of your burgh daly wndirlyis, and gryt pairt of your selffis and guidis fled to landvard, quharthrow apperis that thair is nane that intendis to provyd your necessite now in this trublis tym; thairfor, hawand consideratioun on the premisses, it is my will, and I command yow, and euerilkan of yow, of the burght, consell, and communite of Abirdene, during my absens, in my name, to ansuer and obey in all behalffis concerning the veill of your towne to my cousingis and seruitouris, Maister Johne Gordoun, Henry Irwyn, Alex. Ruthyfurd, and Wm. Rolland, and to nane vderis, as ye, and euerilkan of yow, will answer to me thairvpoun; and this, becaus I haf gewin command and charge to my freindis and folkis maist ewous yow, at command of the saidis Maisteris Johnn, Henry Irwyn, Alexr. Ruthirfurd, and Wm. Rolland, to rise and assist in support of yow, as thai be chargit forther in all behalffis. I haf schawin to the said Maister Johnne, to quhom ye sell gif crydenis, God keip yow, at Stireling, the xviij day of May, subscrywit with my hand, and your ansuer on the premisses, sua I may prowid remeid according thairto as efferis. Sic subscribitur, youris, George Erll off Huntlye.

Heir followis the ansyr of the said wryting mayd and send be the baillies and consell of Abirdene. 26th May, 1544.

My lord, efter maist hartlie recommendatioun of our seruice, pleis your lordschip wyt: We resauit your lordschipis wryting the xxvj day of May instant, makand mentioun that your lordschip is informyt of the gryt feir and continuail dreddour led be ws and the inhabitantis of this burghe, and that ane gryt pairt of our selffis and guidis var fled and remowit to landward, and that we had prowydit na defenssis for our said toune. My lord, trew it wes ane pairt of our nychtbouris remowit thair gudis, bot nane that remowit thame selffis vder than thai that ar past wycht thair merchandis to saill; and as for our preparing for resistens, my lord of Aberdene vill testify, quhom with we concurrit, and hes done at our pouar, as your lordschip sall knaw at your hame cuming, vil God. My lord, quhar your lordschip hes writin, hawand respect that the narratioune hed bene trew maid to your lordschip of ws, thairfor commandand ws, during your lordschipis absens, to ansuer and obey in all behalffis to your lordschipis seruitouris, Maister Johne Gordoune, Henrik Irwyne, Alexr. Ruthirfurd, and Wm. Rolland, and to nane vderis, your lordschip be rememberit ye haf our band as protectour to wss, and belevis treuly in na vder, sen we wantit our maister the kingis grace, and sall depend on na vder to our maistres, the quenis grace, perfyt aige. Heirfor we belief your lordschip, of your guidnes, vill nocht, for na particular mannis desyir, hurt our liberte and priuelege that we haf hed of auld, quhilkis is wnder the quenis grace, and your lordschip her place haldar to wss, our provest and baillies, to quhom we ar sworne; and gif ony of thaim hes failit aganes the veill of this realm, and in special of this burgh, that being verifiit, at command and sycht of your lordschip, we sell remoif them and elect vderis in thair places, to serf the quenis grace and your lordschip, and the commound weill of this toun. Beseikand heirfor, your lordschip, for our seruice that we ma do your lordschip baycht with our bodyis and guidis, that your lordschip will stand our guid lord and protectour, lyk as we salbe reddy at all houris to serf your lordschip quhen it sall pleis your lordschip charge wss, day or nycht. Thankand your lordschip, in our maist humill maner, of your lordschipis beneuolous mynd hed towartis wss in causing of your folkis that ar maist ewiss wss to be in reddenes in our support, quhilkis we can nocht acquyt nor desert, bot salbe reddy, as forsaid is, at the wttermaist of our powar, as knawis God, quha mot be your lord-

26th May. 1544. schipis keipar in saull and body. Of Abirdene, the xxvj day of May forsaid, be your lordschipis humill seruandis,

Baillies and Consell of Aberdene.

8th July, 1544.

The said day, the haill townn, beyng warnit be thair hand bell passand throcht all the stretis of the said town, on the quhilk the berar thairof maid faith in iugment, and in speciale be the officiaris elikwise passand throcht all the quartaris of the said towne, on the quhilkis siclik thai maid fayth in iugment, and conuenand for the maist pairt representand the haill body of the tounn, it is statut and ordinit be thame, all in ane voce, that all maner of takismen of this burgh, bayth of watteris and landis, and siclik all fremen brether of gild of the said burgh, that now ar remanand to landuart, cum to the said burgh within xlviij houris, and dispone and prepaire thame selffis to serue the towne with thair personis and gudis in the quenis grace and gouernouris seruice, now in this tyme of osting, with the laif of the tovn, lyk as wther nychtbouris thairof dois, vnder the panis of tinsale of thair takis, tha that hes takis of the toune, and of tinsall of thair fredome of the said burgh, tha that hes na takis, and of all wther priuileges tha haue of the said toune, without any request to be hard in the contrar, and ordinis oppin proclamatioun to be maid heirof at the mercat corce of the said burgh.

14*th July*, 1544.

The said day, the haill consell present for the tyme, all in ane voce ansignyt, grantit, and gaif to thair servitour, Maister Hew Monro, maister of the gramar scuyll, ane yeirly pensioun of tene merkis vsuall money of Scotland, to be payt to him yeirly be the denis of gyld, at tua termes in the yeir, Mertimes and Wytsounday, be equall portionis, during all the days of his lyf, or ay and quhyll thai provyd him to sum vder leving, tak, or steading of the toun, alse mekill profyt yeirly as the said sowme extendis to, and that for his diligent laubouris and curis to be maid be hym in tym cuming, for the instructioun and learnyng of the barnis of the scuill, bayth in sciens, maners, vrytingis, and sic vder vertewis concerning thaim, lik as the said Mr Hew promytit in his bill gewin in to the consell to do and fulfill at his wtter power.

18th *July*, 1544.

18th July, 1544.

In the presens of the provest and baillies forsaids, sitand in jugement, comperit dene Robert Stevinsoun, for himself, and in name and behalf of the abbot of Deir and convent of the samyn, and geve in this procuratorie vnderwrittin, subscriuit with thair handis and vnder thair commoun seilis, and desirit the samin to be registrat in the bukis of the actis. The quhilk desyre the saidis provest and baillies thocht resinable, and hes ordanit the samyn to be registrat in the saidis bukis, of the quhilk the tennour followis: Be it kend till all men, be thir present letteris, ws, Robert, postulat abbot, priour, and convent of the Abbay of Deir, chepturlie gadderit and riplie avisit, with consent of our yconimouse, Maister George Myddiltoun and Mr Androw Kyd, to haif maid, constitute, and ordanit, and be the tenour of thir presentis, makis, constitutis, and ordanis our welbelouitis dene, Robert Stevinsoun, priour of Deir, Alexr. Menzeis, Mr. Robert Lummisden, our lawfull procutouris, actouris, factouris, and speciale erand beraris, gefand, grantand, and committand to our saidis procuratouris, and ilkane of thame coniunctlie and seueralie, our werray full plane power and speciale mandment for ws, and in our name, to comper befor the prouest and baillies of Aberdene, and thair to persew our just richt, titill, and possessionis of certain landis pertening to our said abbay, within the said burgh, and speciale of ane land beside the trinite freris, merchand and boundand with Sanct Katerins hill and vther landis, as our auld charter, euidentis, and possessionis at mair lenth specifeis, and of ane vther land liand in the Gallowgait of Abirdene, vmquhill inhabit with the heredis of Robert Ewert and Johnne Andersoun, burges of the said burgh, quhilkis landis belangand to our said abbay of Deir possessionis, to follow, persew, and defend, quhair neidfull salbe to our saidis procutouris, in the tolbuith of Abirdene, or any vther place quhair justice salbe ministrat, to ilkane of thaim our generale and speciale pouer we geve, and be thir presentis concedis, as our selfis personaly wer assistant, haldand, and for to hald, all and quhatsumeuer thingis our saidis procutouris, or ony ane of thaim, in our names, in the premisses rychtuuslie leidis to be done, vnder the pain of infamie and periurie. Gifin vnder our hand writtis and commoun sele, at Deir, the [ ] day of July, anno xliiij. Here followis the subscriptionis: Robertus, postulatus abbas; Robertus Stevinsoun, priour; Frater Thomas Kerr, suppriour; Johannes Anderson; Alexr. Scherer; Johannes Cullane; Willhelmus Bell; Frater Duncanus; Frater Willelmus Pendreicht; Gil-

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19*th July*, 1544.

Marie, be the grace of God quene of Scottis, to our louittis Carrick pursevant, messingeris, our schirefis in that parte, coniunctlie and seueralie, specialie constitut, greting: Forsamekle as our governour and lordis of our counsell hes ordanit the prowest, balzeis, counsell, and communite of our burgh of Edinburgh, to awance, in the name and behalf of the haill burrowis of our realme, the sowme of aucht hundreth frankis, ilk frank xij s., for the furnessing of the ambassatour that passis to the emperour in Flandris, be Frans, for comprehensioune of our realme and the lieges thairof, in the peax takin betuix the king of Frans and the emperour; quhilk soume salbe allowit and defalkit to the haill burrowis, in part of payment of the sowme awing to ws for the downgetting of the xij deneris. And inlikwyis hes ordanit thame to furneis ane honest merchand, and our haill burrowis to pay amangis thame his furneissing, extending to ij^{c} frankis, to pass with our said ambassatour to the effect forsaid, and for desyring of thair guidis takin be the jmperouris subiectis in Flandris; and our burrowis vnder writtin, for thair pairts, ar taxt to pay the sowmes following respectiue, that is to say: Abirdene, lvj lib. x s.; Dundee, iij^{xx} xvi lib.; Perth, xlv lib.; Banff, iiij lib. xij d.; Dunfermling, vi lib. ii s.; Crale, iiij lib. xij d.; Forfar, iij lib. xviij d.; Breching, x lib. iiij s.; Montrose, xvi lib. iiij s.; Elgin, vj lib. ij s.; Inuerness, x lib. iiij s.; Arbrocht, viij lib. ij s.; Santandrowis, xviij lib.; Couper, xiij lib.; Cullane, xl s. vj d.; Fores, v lib. xviij d.; Narne, xl s. vj d.; Thane, iij lib. xviij d.; Dysart, vj lib. xij s.; Kirkcaldy, vj lib. xij s., lykas the taxt roll maid be the saidis prowest and bailzeis of Edinburgh thairwpoun beris. Oure will is heirfor, and we charge yow straytlie, and commandis that incontinent thir our letteris sene ye pass in our name and authorite, command and charge the provest and balzeis, counsell, and communite of ilk burgh aboue wryttin to mak payment of the said furnessing of the said soume of ane thowsand merks, avancit in maner forsaid, to the said provest and balzeis of Edinburgh, conforme to the stent and taxt maid thairwpoun, within xlviij houris nixt, efter thai be chargit be yow tharto, for thair awin partis, vnder the paine of rebellioun and putting of thame to our horne; quhilks xlviij houris being bypast, that ye denunce thame our rebellis, and put thame to our horne, for the caussis

forsaid, efter the forme of the act maid be our said governour and lordis of our counsell tharwpoun. The quhilk to do we committ to yow, coniunctlie and seuerlie, our full power, be thir oure letteris, deliuering thame, be yow dewlie execut and indorsat, againe to the bearer. Gewin vnder our signett, at Edinburgh, the xxix day of December, and of our regne the thrid yeir. Per dominos consilii, &c. 19th July, 1544.

1*st September*, 1544.

The baillies ordanis ane testimoniale to be gifin to Robert Patersoun, capitane of ane were schip of Dundee, and his colligis and parttismen, certifieing that it is deponit be the maryneris of Stokholme befor ws, that thai war nocht hurt in thair personis, molestit, trublit, nor zete spulzeit, in ony of thair gudis being in ane schip, allegit be the said Robert to be his just prise, saifand thay tuik the said schip, with all the geir being thairin allanerlie, samekle as pertenit to thaim that wer marineris, schipperis, and sterismen, quhilk was their geir, and portage being exceptit; and als to declare that thay depone that the Inglismen quha tuik thaim last, knawand that thair schip was lek, geve thaim thair leif, and bad thaim pass and saif thaim selfis quhair they mycht best; with extentioun of all vther generale claussis necessar.

The said day, Thomas Menzeis, provest of Aberdene for the tyme, hes lowsit the arrestment maid vpoun ane scheip, and certane tymmer being thairin, allegit pertening to Robert Patersoune and vtheris, quhilk arrestment was maid at the instance of the haill towne and commonite thairof, becaus Wm. Kinlocht, burges of Dunde, is become souertie to kepe the tovnschip of Aberdene scathles thairof, as law will, at all handis quhome it efferis.

This is the gudis eftir following cum in ane schip, the maryneris of Stokholum, tane as ane prise be Robert Patersoune, Thomas Ross, Henry Couthbert, and Alexander Wallace, capitanis, quhilkis schippis pertenit ane to Dundee, ane to Kirkcaldy, and twa to Leith, quhilk com in the havyn of Aberdene, in the moneth of August, in the yere of God 1544 yeris; for the quhilkis gudis William Kinlocht is become souertie to kepe the towneschip of Aberdene scathles, as law will, at all handis quhome it efferis, and this befor Thomas Menzeis for the tyme. Item, in the first, ane schip of fyr, quhilk wes storit as vraik in hir cumin in the havyn, with

1st September, 1544. hir hale salis of wadmale claith, and thrie ankeris, ane cabill, and ane auld cabill, and cross, with the schrouddis and taikallis, and in the said schip xiiij^{c} sparris, ij^{c} xxiiij rauchteris, xxv hydis dry and salt, viij^{xx} xviij goitskinnis, and xiij mair, fyfte aucht pik schaftis, aucht barrellis tar, vij treis of aik and fir.

5th September, 1544.

The quhilk day, it is thocht expedient be the hale consale for ane conding mendis to be maid to the breder of the blakfreris, for the injuries done to thaim be thir personis under writtin: that is to say, Alexr. Menzeis, Patrik Gray, Alexr. Tulydef, Maister Johne Kennedy, Thomas Burrale, baxter, Collene Porterfeild, Michell Andersone, and the remanent of thair colligis quha was present at the committing of the said wrang, that all the saidis personis sall cum on ane Sunday, or other festuale haly day, to Sanct Nicholace kyrk, and thair in the quere of the samin, in time of the hie mess, and sitt doune on thair kneyis bareheid, and offer euery ane of thaim ane sarge of new walx to God, in presens of the commissar of Aberdene, in name and behalf of my lord of Aberdeene, thair prelait, the priour of the said place, in name and behalf of his brother, and the provest, baillies, and consale of this gude toune, and thair confess that thai haif failzeit to the said religiouse men, askand the said priour, in name and behalf of the hale brother, forgevenes of the said falt, oblisand thameselffis, geve ever thai be convict in ony siclyke cryme in tym cuming to ony religiouse men, never to haif interes in this towne, and vnder the pane of tinsale of all that thay haif within the samin, and to vnderly the penence iniungit to thaim be thair ordiner.

12*th September*, 1544.

My lord provest and baillies: Vnto your worschipis humelie menis and complenis, I, your seruitour, Alexr. Guthrie, als Suawdoune harrold, vpoun Wm. Pactoun, schipper of ane schip of Dunde: that quhair in the moneth of Junij bipast, it was con venit betuix me and the said Wm. that he sould haif had ane brother sone of myne to Denmark in his schip, for the quhilk he ressauit fra me x s. of money, half ane barrell of aile, price x s., ane nycht mantile, and viij s. wourth of quhite breid; and thairefter, I being absent of the towne, send away my said brother sone to Monross his erandis, and past away or his hame cuming, nocht fulfilling his condicioun and promess,

as said is. Beseikand herefor your worschipis to cause the said William restoir to me the money and geir forsaid, deliuerit to him as said is, becaus he hes nocht fulfillit his condicioun and promiss, and your ansuer humelie I beseik. 12th Sept., 1544.

18*th September*, 1544.

The said day, the hale consale being convenit togidder, hes feit Sir Jhone Fethy to be one of the prebendaris of their queir, and to haif thair organis and sang schole for instructioun of the men of gudis barnis, and keping of thaim in gude ordour, and he to mak continuale residence in the said queir; ffor the quhilk thai haf gifin him xx lib. yeirlie of fee, to be thankfullie payit to him yeirlie sa lang as he remanis and makkis gude service to the towne, and that of the reddiest of thair commoun gude.

6*th October*, 1544.

The said day, compeirit Mr. George Young, procutour for the cheplanis of the haile queir of the cathedrall kirk of Abirdene, and producit ane proces of recognitioun, ordourlie led at thrie sindry heid courtis, of ane annuale rent of v s. yeirlie, aucht to the saidis chaplanis of ane waist land, pertening to vmquhile Robert Smyth, burges of this burgh; and siclyke of ane vther annuale rent of xij s. of ane vther waist land in Futie, and conform thairto, desirit heretable possessioun of the propertie. The saidis provest and baillies, for certane considerationis moving thame, continewis the said mater vnto this day xv dayis, and ordanis to warne all partyis, be oppin proclamatioun, haifand intires in this mater, to compeir the said day for the said possessioun gifin, or ellis to schaw ane resonable cause quhy: with certification to thame, and they failze, the saidis provest and bailzies will give the saidis prebendaris or thair procutouris, in thair names, possessioun of the saidis landis conforme to justice.

10*th October*, 1544.

The said day, the consale ratifies and affermes all actis and statutis maid of befoir, of spilling of the market of girnalis, halding of wappinnis to be had in euery merchandis buith, of ressetouris, of strengeris, of selling of tauch, sine, flesche, fische, penny caikis, and all vther statutis and actis maid of befor, for actionis concerning the commoun wele of this gude towne, and ordanit thame to be keipit and obseruit in all poyntis in tyme cuming.

14th October, 1544.

14*th October*, 1544.

The quhilk day, in presens of the saidis provest and baillies, sittand in jugement for the tyme, compeirit Mr Thomas Annane, procuratour, and in name and behalf of ane nobill and mychtie lord, George erle of Huntlie, Lord Gordoun and Baidzenochk, &c, and geve in his acquittance and discharge vnderwrittin, quhilk was subscriuit be the personis vnder specifeit in jugement, this instant day, in presens of ws, and desirit the samin to be registrat in the court bukis, and that he mycht haif the extract of the samin vnder the tovnis testimoniale, and vnder the secrete sele; the quhilk desire the saidis provest and baillies thocht resinable, and thairfor ordanis the samin to be insert in the saidis bukis, and to be given furth autentiklie agane, vnder thair testimoniale and secrete sele, to the said procutour, in name and behalf forsaid, in dew forme as efferis. Of the quhilk acquittance and discharge the tenour followes: Be it kend till all men, be thir present letteris, ws, Guilliame Hodierim and Christofer Lasingzert, Britoneris, to haif resauit, be the handis of ane nobill and methy lord, George erle of Huntlie, Lord Gordoun and Banzenocht, &c., in name and behalff of ane nobill and excellent lady, lady Marie, moder to ane maist excellent princes, Marie quene of Scotland, &c., the sovm of twelf hundreth thre skorr alevin pundis and xiiij d. vsuale monye of Scotland, in cursabill and vsuall pennijs, and sufficient merchandice and penneworthis, deliuerit and payit to ws, within the toune of Abirdene, be vertew and eftir the tennour of hir grace charge and writting, direct and send with ws to his lordschip, of the date, at Striueling, the fyrst day of September, in the yeir of God, v^c^ xliij yeris, subscriuit and signet be hir grace, as the samin propirtis at mair lynth in the self, for the hame bringing of certane wynis and munitionis of artailzerie furth of the parte of France to Alloway in Scotland, &c., of the quhilk soum of xij^c^ lxxi lib. xiiij d. we hald ws wele content and thankfullie payit, be the said nobill and mychty lord and vtheris his seruitouris in his name; and thairfor, be the tenour heirof, dischargis, exoneris, and quitclamis the saidis nobill and excellent lady and lord forsaid, thair airis, executoris, and assignais, and all vtheris quhome it efferis, in vberiore juris forma. In witnesse of the quhilk thing we haif subscriuit this our acquittance and discharge with our handis, at Abirdene, in jugement, in the tolbuith of the samyn, the xiiij day of October, anno xliij yeris, befor thir witnessis, honorable men, Thomas Menzeis of Petfoddellis, provest of the said burgh; Dauid Andersone, ane of the baillies of the same; Mr Johne

Gordoun, William Rolland, Alexr. Menzeis, Johne Ruthirfurd, and Mr Robert Lummisden, burgessis of the said burghe, with vtheris diuerse. 14th October, 1544.

The said day, comperit Gilliam Odiarne and Cristofer Lasenzear, Bretoneris, and exponit how thai had gifin the samin day, in presens of the saidis provest and baillies, ane cleir acquittance and discharge of the sovmes of xij^{c} lxxi lib. xiiij d. to George Erle of Huntlie, in name and behalf of Mary quene of Scotland, quhilk the said lady wes awin thaim for the furing of certaine wyne and munition furth of France to hir grace, and nochtwithstanding that thai haif gifin ane cleir acquittance of the hale sowme, nochttheles that thair restis vnpayit to thame, be the handis of William Adamson, [ ] lastis of salmound, [ ] daker of hydis, vnpayit, quhilk the saidis provest and baillies affermes that the samin restis be the said Wm. Adamsoun, vnpayit, as yite to the saidis Bretoneris, vpoun the quhilkis affirmatioun and testificatioun the saidis Bratonaris askit not of court.

The said day, Gilliam Ordiarne and Cristopher Lasenzear, Bretoneris, grantit in jugement the ressett of this woll vnderwrittin, fra the personis vnderspecifeit, in name and behalf of George erle of Huntlie, and inlikmaner grantit thaim thankfullie payit thairof, that is to say, fra Maister Johnne Gordoun, ane hundreth li. stane of woll; fra Dauid Andersoun, five scoir stane of woll; and fra Wm. Rolland, xl stane of woll; vpon the quhilkis confessionis the saidis Maisteris Johne, Dauid, and William askit note of court.

21*st October*, 1544.

The said day, the bailzeis commandit and ordinit all four the officiaris, in iugment, to pas throcht all the rewis and streitis of the tovnn, als oft as neid beis, and vesy and seik all caik baxteris that bakis ony cakis to sell, and tak all thair girdilis thai apprehend baikand siclik cakis, and present the said girdillis to thame, and verefy that thai tuik the same fray caik baxteris, baikand caikis to sell, and thai sall haue the said escheit to thaim for thair travell; and causit the officiaris suer the gryt aith to exerce the same lelilie and trewlie, without feid or fauour, and to present the saidis girdillis as oft as thai culd apprehend thame.

21st October, 1544.

The said day, all the four bailzeis of this guid tounn, conuenit in iugment, exponit and schew to all the brostaris within this guid tovnn, ilkane for thair avin quarter respectiue, that tha had broken the statutis gevin to thame be the provest, baillies, and counsale, in selling of aill derrar thane xvi d. the gallovnn, be fremennis viffis, and derrar than xii d. be vnfremennis viffis, quhilk yei culd nocht deny, for the quhilkis thai mycht haue pundit the saidis brostaris thairfor; nochttheles thai remittit all faltis bigane sene Mychtelmes bigane to this day, anent the said aill, and commandit and chargit all the said brostaris, ilkane within thair quarteris respectiue, as thai var callit, that nane of tham sell ony aill derrar in tymes cumyng, quhill the tovnn be forder avisit, be thame selffis nor thair seruandis, in thair houissis, nor without thair houissis, than xvj d. the gallown of fremennis, and xii d. per the gallown of vnfremennis viffis, vnder the panis of viij s. vnforgevin, for the first falt; and viij s. and the daling of their aill, for the secund fault; and viij s. and daling of thair aill, and striking out of thair caddioum bodoum, for the third falt; without any fauour or request to be haid or vsit in the contrar.

31*st October*, 1544.

The said day, the haill tovnn, being varnit to this day be thair hand bell, be the berar tharof passand throw the streitis of the said tovnn, and convenit be the maist pairt within the tolbuith of the same, representand the haill townn, on the quhilk varning the said bellman maid faith in iugment, it was schawin and denuncit to thame be Gilbert Menzes, ane of the balzeis of the said burgh, that thair was tua preceptis of parliament cuming to the said tovnn, and presentit to the bailzeis of the said burgh, and be the quenis grace, with the avise and counsale of the gouernour to the parliament to be haldin in Edinburgh, and to begyne the sax day of Nouember instant, with continuacioun of dais. Ane wther precept of the said quenis, with the avise of the lordis of counsale, to be haldin in Striveling, and to begyne the xii day of Nouember instant nixt cumis, with continuacioun of dais, togidder with ane supplicatioun of the Erle of Huntlie, leutenent generale of the north, requerand the said tovnn to send thair commissioners to the said parliament to be haldin in Striveling, requirand the said tounn quidder thai wald ansuer to the said preceptis thame selffis, or gif tha wald refer the ansuer thairof to the counsale, quhilk ansuerit, sayand,

tha referrit the same to the counsale to gif ansuer thairto, as tha thocht expedient, quhilk thre bailzeis aforwrittin, with thir persons following, Maister John Gordoun, William Rolland elder, &c., convenit within thair counsale houisse, and tha beyng circularlie inquerit be the said Gilbert Menzes, baillie, ansuerit, all sayand tha wald send thair commissaris to the quenis parliament sett, with the avise of hir gouernour, to be haldin in Edenburgh, and to begyn the vj day of Nouember instant nixt cumis, and chesit Thomas Menzeis, thair provest, Andro Menzes, thane absent, as present, and Maister John Gordon, thair commissaris to the said parliament, and ordinit ane commissioun to be maid to thame and to the maist pairt of thaim thairto, vnder thair commond seill, and ordinit the keiparis thairof to seill the same, except Dauid Andersone, William Rolland elder, Maister Robert Lummisdale, and John Ruderfurd, quhilk ansuerit tha wald nocht consent to send ony commissaris to ony of the said parliamentis, and Maister John Gordoun, quhilk said, he vald consent to send commissaris to the quenis parliament, with avise of the lordis to be haldin in Stirveling, conforme to my lord locumtenentis writin, and desirit the counsale of the said locumtenentis writin, quhilkis ansuerit as is afor writin. 31st October, 1544.

1*st December*, 1544.

The said day, Maister Johnne Gordoun allegit in jugement that he hed ane commissioun of his maister, the lietennentis, to tak cognitioun vpoun the hinging of the image of Sant Franceis, and quhome he fand calpabile thairof, to put thame in the balzes handis in keiping, on to the tyme that justice wer don vpoun thame therfor as the law requirit; and that he, be vertu thairof, hed takin cognitioun in the said mater; and that it wes verefyt and knawin to him that Thomas Branche and Thomas Cussing wes tua of thame that wes hingaris of the said image, and therfor deliuerit thame in jugement to the ballies forsaid, and requirit thame, in the luetennentis name, to keip thame in ferme securite and ward, quhill justice mycht be done on thame therfor, be the said leutenent or his deputis, as thai wald ansuer to the leutennent thairupoun; and thairefter the said balzes requirit all the four officiaris in jugement to intromett with the said tua personis, and deliuerit thame to the said officiaris in jugement, and requirit thame to keip the said personis in ward in the tolbuyth, as thai wald ansuer to thame and the toune thairupoun; and gif thai misterit ony mair help, thai sald be sup-

1st December, 1544. portit as thai misterit and requirit; on the quhilkis thai tuik instrumentis and actis of court.

12*th December*, 1544.

The said day, Symsoun Terwes and Ammowrouse Tailzour ar conuikit be the sorne assise aboun writin, Maister Robert Lummisdale chancelar thairof, for the cuming to Sanderis Jaffrayis duelling howse one Sanct Nicholace day at evin at last was, vnder silence of nycht, at xij houris of the nycht, or thairby, and seiking of the said Alexander for his grit skaith, with ane aix and stanis, and casting of stanis at the said Alexanderis house in grit nummer, and bluid dravin of the said Alexanderis vife in grit quantite, quharfor thai, and ilk ane of thame, is in amerciament of the court, to forbeir in tyme to cum, and mend as law will, and that is gevin for dowme, be the mouth of Thomas Blaw, dempster of the court for the tyme, and the mendis heirof modifeit be the said assise, as efter followis: that is to say, the said assise ordanis the said Symsonis Terwes and Ammorouse Tailzours cragis to be put instantlie in the gowife, and incontinent thairefter tane out agane, and thane to cum to the kirk and pass afor the processioun, sark alane, afor the hie mess, with ane candill of ane pund of wax in thair handis, and efter the said processioun to offer the said tua candillis to Sanct Nicholace wark, and ask the said Alexander and his vif forgiffnes, and beseik the bailzies and men of guid of the tovne to solist thame to forgif thame, and alse to fynd cautioun one Sonday, or thai be takin out of the tolbuith, for the townis vnlawis.

20*th December*, 1544.

The said day, the counsale vnder writin hes requistit my lord locumtenent to be freman of this burgh, to that effect that he may be abill to accept the office of prouestry of this burgh, presentlie vacand be renunciatioun, and our givin of the said office be the prowest, or ellis thai sall, be his lordschipis counsale, cheis ane competent man to the said office, viz., ane burges and freman of this burgh, and actuale induellar of the same, alwaise prouiding that the priuelege of the same be obseruit and nocht hurt; and, in the meintyme, that thai sall nocht cheis the said prowest without the said lordis consale thairto. Thir ar the namis of the counsale present for the tyme: Andro Cullane, Alexr. Rudirfurd, Dauid Andersoun, Andro

Menzeis, Maister Robert Lummisdale, William Rolland elder, and Johnn Rudirfurd. 20th Dec., 1544.

1st January, 1545.

My lord prouost and bailzeis of this nobill guid townn of Abirdene, on to your w[ ], humelie meins and complenis, I, your daly oratour and seruand, Maister Edward Menzeis, chaplane, vpoun Gilbert Mar, burges of the said burgh: That quhair in the moneth of Junij, or thairby, in the yeir of God j^m v^c xxxviij yeris, I maid the said Gilbert Mar factour and merchand to me, to the selling of four barrellis of salmond, sufficient merchand guid of the richtuus bind of Abirdene, pertening to me, schipit in the said Gilbertis schip, that passit in Franche in the moneth aboun writin, or thairby, and to haue warit the fre mone thairof for my proffeit vpon certane hemp, bonnatis, bukrame, marekyn, skynnis, filkis, poyntis, and wther small geir, conforme to my merchand bill, deliuerit to the said Gilbert by me thairwpoun, quhilk four barrellis of salmond the said Gilbert intromettit with, and sald in Franche as merchand to me, at the tyme forsaid, and warit the fre mone thairof on hempe, bonnatis, bukrame, marekyn, skynnis, silkin poyntis, and wther small varing, conforme to my merchand bill, and pakit the samin in ane puncioun; and in the hayme cuming of the said schip sche chancit, be storme and tempest of see, to brak at Danis in Pycardy, and the said puncioun of dry gudis cum saifly and dry vpoun land with the said merchandreis, in presens of the said Gilbert my merchand. Nochttheless, the said Gilbert, wrangusly and aganis the law, postponis and deferris to mak me compt and rakning, deliuerance, and paiment of my said four barrellis of salmound, price of the barrell four pund Scottis, nor yit will deliuer me the said puncioun of dry wair, with the merchandreis aboun writin, bocht be him to me, conforme to my merchand bill, quhilk cum saifly and dry vpoun land as said is, howbeit I haue requirit him diuerse tymes thairfor, nor yit intendis to do, without he be compellit be iustice thairto. Beseiking heirfor your worschipis, provest and bailzeis forsaid, to decerne and compell be iustice the said Gilbert Mar to mak me compt rakning, deliuerance, and paiment of the said four barrellis of salmond, price of the barrell four lib. Scottis, or than to deliuer me the said puncioun of dry vair, conforme to my merchand bill, quhilk come saifly and dry to land, in presens of the said Gilbert, for the ressonis and causis forsaid, togidder with my expensis maid, and to be maid, in the persuit

1st January, 1545. thairof; and, gif neid beis, this my petitioun to haue the strynth of ane borgh.

14*th January*, 1545.

The said day, the haill townn being warnit to thair tolbuith be thair hand bell passand throcht all the rewis and stretis of the townn, on the quhilk the berar thairof maid faith in iugment, and convenit for the maist pairt, representand the haill body of the tovnn, Thomas Menzeis of Petfoddellis, prouest of the said burghe, for certane causis moving him for the time, renunciat and ourgaif his office of prouestry quhilk he had of the said tovnn, in the said tovnnis handis, als frelie as tha gaif him the same obefor; and thairefter, the said tovnn, being convenit as said is, namit and chesit ane nobill and mychty lord, George Erle of Huntlie, Lord Gordoun and of Bangzenocht, and locumtenent generale of the northt of Scotlandt for the tyme, thair superiour, protectour, and prouest, quhill the fest of Sanct Mychaell nixt to cum, quhilk lord acceptit the said office on him, and sueir the grit [aith] to exerce the said office lelilie and trewlie quhill Mychelmess next cumis, and to keip and defend the auld priuilegiis of the said burgh, and thair liberties, vse and wont; and that he sall do nathing concerning the said townes actionis, besynes, querellis, and proffitis, without the expresse counsale and consent of the said townis sorne counsale had thairto, and to do iustice to riche and puir equalie, without feid or fauour, during the said tyme. And, thairefter, because the said lord mycht not guidlie remain in the said townn continualie, to exerce the said office, conforme to his said ayth, therfor the said lord, with expresse consent and assent of the said toun, conuenit as said is, deput and surrogat the said Thomas Menzeis in his place of the said office, and committit and gaif the said Thomas Menzies the same povar, richt, and auctorite he hes of the said office during the tyme forsaid, and to exerce, do, hant, and vse al maner of thingis concerning the said office, as he did abefor, and that the said lord mycht do and he war present in propir persoun, without ony maner of exceptioun, reclamatioun, or appellatioun to be allegit or proponit in the contrar fray the said Thomas, for quhatsumeuer cause, during the time forsaid. Quhilk Thomas Menzeis accepit the said office on him, in presens of the said lord and town, and is sorn the gryt aith thairto, as is aboun writin; on the quhilkis the said lord tuik instrument and act of court afor thir vitnes, Maisteris Alexr. Ogilwy of Glassaucht,

Patrik Ogistoun, Thomas Annand, John Kennedy, notaris publik, Patrik Gray, and Thomas Blair, with vtheris diuerse. 14th January, 1545.

28*th January*, 1545.

The said day, the haill towne beyng conuenit, as said is, chesit Walter Cullane and Andro Losoun, thair collectouris to resaue the mone and taxt devisit be the townn, for the furnesing of the fifty men that suld pas to the locumtenent to Elgene, for resisting of the Ilismen, quhilk personis accepit the said office on tham in iugment.

The said day, Alexr. Ratray, skipar of ane schip callit the [ ], exponit and schew in iugment how he wes chargit and causit to pas with his said schip in the northt land, to serue the locumtenent in his besynes for the tyme, throcht the quhilk he mycht nocht fulfill and keip his promise to his Franchis men. Protestand therfor, that he incur na danger thairthrow, and that he ma haue his promise and condicioun of his Franchis keipit to him efteruart, nochtwithstanding the premissis, becaus the falt standis nocht in him; and Gilbert Tulidef, for himself and the laif of the Franchismen of the said schip, protestis that tha be fre of all condicioun maid be thame to the said Alexr. anent the said schip, becaus he keipis nocht his condicioun to tham, and tha all reddy, as he allegit, to fulfill and keip thair conditioun to the said Alexr.

11*th February*, 1545.

The said day, the haill tovnn beyng varnit to this day, the said bailzeis intimat, proponit, and schew the townn and nychtbouris thairof how the quenis grace letteris, gevin be decreit and act of parlyament, of the dait, at Lynlythgow, the fift day of October, and of hir regnne the thrid yeir, vnder hir signet, to taxt and stent the nychtbouris of the said burgh, conforme to the auld taxacionis efferand, to the sowme of xvj thousand pundis, grantit be the thre estatis of the realme, to be taxit and devidit on the said realm, conforme to the auld taxacionis, extending to the said burghis part to the sowme of four hundreth merkis xiij merkis iiij s. vj d. Scottis money, or thairby, to haue bene taxit and inbrocht to the collectouris thairof at tua termes: that is to say, the half thairof at all Hallowmess, and the wther half of the same at new yeris day bigane; and als our souerane ladyis wther letteris, of the dait at Edinburgh, the xxviij day of Januar, and of hir

11th February, 1545. regnne the ferd yeir, chargiand the prouest and bailzeis of the said burgh to collect, inbring, and deliuer the said taxt to the collectouris thairof, viz., Maister John Daluestoun, persoun of Disart, and Maister John Scrymgeour, of the Myris, thair factouris or deputis, in thair names, havand thair povar thairto, within four dais nixt efter tha war chargit thairto, vnder the pane of rebellioun, and putting of thame to our souerane ladyis horne, lyk as in the said letteris at mair lynth is contenit.

19*th March*, 1545.

The said day, the haill town being warnit to this day be thair hand bell passand throw all the rewis and stretis of this guid town, on the quhilk the berar thairof maid fayth in iugment, and conuenand within the tolbuith of the same for the maist part, representand the haill townn, compeirit Alexr. Menzeis elder, and thair resignit and our gaif in the said townis handis, in iugment, his office of the hand bell of the said burgh, with all proffetis, emolumentis, and accidentis pertening or that ma pertene thairto vse and wont, in fauouris of Walter Lesly, burges of the said burgh, for certane proffetis, emolumentis, and accidentis to the said Alexr. for his lyftyme; and thairefter the said tovne, conuenit as said is, all in ane voce, na maner of persoun opponand nor sayand in the contrar, frely gaif the said office of thair hand bell, with all maner of proffetis, emolumentis, and accidentis pertening or that ma pertene thairto vse and vont, to the said Walter Lesly for all the dais of his lyftyme to him and his deputies, he, or his deputis in his name, doand and keipand the seruice and duyteis pertening to the same vse and wont allanerly, without ony wther thing that ma be askit or requirit thairof during his lyftym, and reseruand alvaise the proffetis, emolumentis, and accidentis thairof to the said Alexander during all the dais of his lyftyme, and dovind the seruice and duyteis thairof during the said tyme; and ordinit ane gift to be maid heirvpoun to the said Walter for all the dais of his lif, vnder the commond seill, and ordinit the keiparis thairof to seill the same thairwith; on the quhilkis the said Walter tuik act of court and instrument, afor thir witnes, Alexr. Ruderfurd, Alexr. Gray elder, James Allirdes, Patre Gray, and Maister John Kennedy, notar publik, with wtheris diuerse.

The said day, the balzeis decernit and ordinit the said Walter Leslie to cause clenge and hald clein the mercat and cawsay about the corce, and to

do all wtheir duyteis efferand to the office aboun writin, how sone he enteris with the proffetis thairof; and failzeing thairof, it salbe lesum to the officeris of the said burgh for the tyme to caus do the same on his expensis, and he to refund and pay the same incontinent thairefter als oft as neid beis. 19th March, 1545.

Sequitur assensus prepositi ad premissa.

Traist cousingis, after hartly commendatioun: Forsamekle as we ar informit that Alexr. Menzies elder, your nychtbour, is of mynd and vill to resinge in our handis and youris the gift and titile quhilk he hes of the town of Abirdene in and to the bell of the same office, proffetis and commoditeis pertening thairto, in fauouris of Walter Leslie, your nychtbour, to the effect the said Walter ma be ordurlie prouidit thairto for all the dais of his lif, quhar our guide veill, consent, and authorite is desirit be the said Walter in the resignatioun and his admissioun forsaidis, quharfor our vill and mynd is, gif the said Alexr. will resing, as said is, in fauoris of the said Walter, and als gif ye be of mynd and will to ressaue the said Walter, that ye ressaue and admitt the samyn conforme to the consuetudis of the said burgh, and the said Walter doand therfor as vse and wont; to the quhilk, be thir presentis, we absent as present, interponis our consent, will, and auctorite, and committis to yow our powar in that part to admitt and prowid the said Walter in the premisses, vnder your commond seill, as vse. Subscrivit with our hand, and gevin vnder our signit, within the cite of Abirdene, the xviij day of Marche, the yeir of God ane thousand fiyve hundreth fourty and five yeiris. Et sic subscribitur, George Erle of Huntly. To our louittis cousingis, bailzeis, counsale, and communitie of Abirdene.

29th March, 1545.

The said day, the counsale, present for the tyme, remittit James Manchanis vnlaw of tuenty pundis, at request of my [lord] Huntly, prouest, subscriuit with his awin hand, of the quhilk the tennour followis: Traist cousingis, efter hartlie commendatioun, ye be rememberit I requestit yow to remitt James Manchane, and his cautioneris, the paine and vnlaw quhilk he was adjugit in for his forstalling, quhilk I pray yow and requestis yit to do, and nocht to pund nor distrenze him nor his cautioneris, nor thair gudis thairfor, assurand yow it salbe the henmest request that I sall

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charge yow of in sic behalffis, bot to mentene and defend the liberte and fredome of your townn; and is content that na wther requestis of myne be admittit be yow in tyme cuming in sic materis. And gif ye pleis nocht to be content of this, I oblege me to satisfe and content yow of the said vnlaw, quhilk is xx lib., as is shavin me; praying yow effectusly nocht to dissobey this my desyir, and God keip yow. Of Abirdene, the xxiiij day of March, subscriuit, &c. Et sic subscribitur, youris, George Erle of Huntly. And thaireftir the said counsale dischargit the said James Manchane, and his cautioneris, of the said vnlaw of xx lib., at the said prouestis request forsaid.

The said day, the haill tovnn, beyng conuenit as said is, grantit and gaif licence to thair seruitour and singar, Iohn Kilstaris, to pas to the college in Auld Abirdene, to study and lerning of letteris; and ordanit him to haue paiment of his pentioun and fee of fourty schillingis yerly, as he had abefor allanerlie, he keipand seruice in thair queir all Sondais and haly dais in the yeir allanerly, salang as he keipis the said seruice and continevis thairintill.

4th April, 1545.

The said day, Walter Hay oblegit him faithfullie to deliuer to the priour and conuent of the quhit freris of Abirdene, ane maid siluer challeis of tuenty vncis of siluer, guid siluer and fre maid to thame, betuix this and Vitsonday nixt cummis; and alse the said Walter grantit him avand the said pryour and conuent tuenty tua merkis Scottis mone, to pay at thir termes following: that is to say, v merkis and ane half at Lammes nixt cumis, vther v merkis and ane half at Candilmess nixt cumis, the third v merkis and ane half at Lammes nixt thaireftir, and the ferd v merkis and ane half at Candilmess nixt thaireftir, in compleit paiment of the said xxij merkis. And for deliuerance of the said challeis, and paiment of the said mone, at the termes forsaid, Dauid Andersoun, baillie, Alexander Chalmer elder, and Richert Watsoun, ar becumin souerteis, coniuntlie and seueralie, to the said priour and conuent, be thair faythis in thair bodeis; and the saidis Walter oblegit him to releife his said souerteis thairof, at the termis forsaid, afoir thir witnes: James Andersoun, Maister Robert Andersoun, and Thomas Andersoun.

8th April, 1545.

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The said day, Sande Kemp, baxter, is conuikit be the counsale for the offering of the France capitane of tene dosoun of iij d. braid of quhit, for the boll of quhit, contrar the commond weill of the town, and hindering the proffeit thairof, and he and all wther baxteris of the guid toun ordinit to decest fra doyng of sic thingis in tymes cumyng, vnder the pane of expelling of thame of thair craft within the said burgh, for yeir and day, and paying of xl s. to Sanct Nicholace wark vnforgevin. And als ordinit the said Sanderis to pay viij s. to the sustentatioune of the seik folkis, for the falt bigane unforgevin.

13th April, 1545.

The said day, the haill townn being conuenit in thair heid court, within the tolbuyth, as tha that aucht of the law soit and presens thairto, representand the haill body of the townn, it wes exponit and schavin to thame be thair provest, Thomas Menzeis, how the quenis grace letteris war cumin vpoun this guid townn a lang tyme by gane syne, to stent, taxt, and raise, on the nychtbouris and inhabitantis of the said burgh, the sowme of iiij^{c} xiiij lib. vj s. viij d. Scottis mone, for the defense of our bordouris aganis our auld ennimies of Ingland, and na prouisioun maid thairfor, quhilk he belevit suld be to the tounis gryt skayth, and the same war nocht prouidit and maid redy ; and siclik, schew thame how the said toun hed ane gift of vmquhill king James the Ferd, of guid mynd, to be fre of the paiment of custom of salmond of townis watteris ; and siclik, had gottin this gouernouris gift of the doun getting of tua s. of custum of ilk barrell of salmond, quhilk giftis he beleuit wald nocht be admittit be the lordis of chakar, now haistilie to sit doun on the quenis comptis, without the same war laborit and dressit abefor, quhilk wald nocht be done without grit laboris and revardis tharfor ; heirfor exortand the said townn and nychbouris to prouid remeid heirintill, and to find the esiest way how mone mycht be gottin heirto. Quhilkis, eftir lang auisament and consultatioun had heirvpoun, thocht expedient, concludit, and ordinit commissaris to be chosin, to few takis for maill takis, prolong takis of the townis watteris or landis, and to sett ony rovmes or takis of new tha can find vaccand to ony nochtbour of the guid towne, thair aires or assignais, malis, burgessis, and actuall induellaris the said burghe, and to nane vtheris, that will gif redy mone therfor, as the said commissaris sall think expedient to the said townis besynes forsaid ;

13th April, 1545. and to that effect chesit Thomas Menzies, Alexr. Rudirfurd, Dauid Andersoun, Thomas Chalmer, and Maister John Gordoun, thair commissaris to the said effect, and ordinit [ ] to be maid to thame thairwpoun, vnder thair commond seill, and ordinit the keiparis thairof to seill to thame ane commissioun thairvpoun, gevand thame, and the maist pairt of thame, thair full power thairto; on the quhilkis the said prouest tuik instrument and act of court.

19*th April*, 1545.

The said day, the prouest, bailzeis, and counsale, present for the tyme, within the chaptour of thair kirk, ordinit Alexr. Ratray, gunnar, to remaine and perseueir still in the tovnis seruice, as he did afor, to the end of the moneth of May nixt cumis, and to haue for his lauboris as he had of befor; and ordinit him to be pait of his hail lauboris he hes seruit bigane, and siclik in tyme to cum, to the end of the said moneth of May, and ordinit the denis of gild to pay him the same of the tovnis rediest mone.

12*th May*, 1545.

The said day, John Tulidef is conuikit for the strublance of Andro Lawsoun, and James Lawsoun, his brother, menstrallis, in this sort following, viz.: for mannesing, bosting, and inuading of thame twa sindry tymes, the tane tyme with ane quhingar, and the tother tyme with ane tre, quherfor he is in ane amerciament of court to forbeir in tyme to cum, and mend as law will, and that is gevin for dovme, be the movth of Thom Blair, dempster of the court for the tyme, and the mendis heirof continew to be modifeit be the consale.

15*th June*, 1545.

The said day, the haill tounn beyng varnit be thair hand bell passand throw all the stretis of the guid townn, on the quhilk the berar thairof maid faith in iugment, and convenit within thair tolbuith for the maist pairt, representand the haill body of the townn, tha being circualie inquirit be Alexr. Rudirfurd, ane of the bailzeis of the said burgh, consentit, all in ane voce, na maner of persone opponand nor sayand in the contrar, and for thame and thair successouris, statut and ordinit that all maner of schip and schipis that hapnis to cum to this guid tovnn to sell be strangeris, be bocht be the provest and baillies, or the maist pairt of thame for the tyme,

with ane pairt of the counsale of the said burgh for the tyme, ; and gif the prouest beis absent, be the bailzes and counsale present for the tyme, or maist pairt thairof, and be nane vtheris ; and howeuer the said schip or schipis hapnnes to be bocht be thame for the time, euery burgez of gild of the said burgh to haue his pairt thairof, efferand to his estait of the same price ; and quhat brother of gild refusis to tak his part of the said schip or schipis, sua bocht as said is, for the commond veill, baith of guid and evill proffeit and disproffeit, efferand to his estait, he being lawfullie requirit thairto, sall tyne his fredome and all proffat he hes of the said burgh frathinfurth, his refusale beyng provin and verefiit, and he conuikit thairof. 15th June, 1545.

24*th July*, 1545.

The said day, the prouest, bailzeis, and counsale, present for the tyme, assignais David Marr and Mr. James Torre, thair lordis of Bonnacord, the first freemanis compositioun siluer that hapnis to be maid within this gud toun fra thin furtht within this burgh, at thair desir, and gettis and producis the men thameself to be free men.

27*th July*, 1545.

The said day, the bailzeis, with avise and consent of the counsale and nychtbouris present for the tyme, conducit and feit Sanderis Ratray thair wache nychtlie, and he to find fiue personis nychtlie with him to vaiche thair blokhouise, linkis, and havin nychtlie, and to aduerteis the town as tha se danger ; and siclik, to wait on the havin one day lycht, that na strangeres haue enteres thairat without licence of the bailzes. And the said Alexr. accepit the same one him for ane moneth, he gettand guid paiment, for the quhilkis the said Alexander sall haue himself nychtlie xij d., and ilkane of the vther personis that vachis with him vj d., to be deliuerit to thame nychtlie be the officiaris ; and als thai ordanit that thair be ane port maid incontinent with all diligence on the south end of the brig of Dee with tymmer, to be fast lokit in the nycht, and weill keipit one day lycht, and euery nychtbour of the toun, of honest men, to gif xij d. thairto, and sobir folkis to gif viij d., or sax d. at the leist ; and, in the mentyme, quhill the said port be bigit, that thair be tua trew honest fellowis keipand the same bayth day and nycht, and ilk ane of thame to haue for thair lawbouris xij d. one the day and the nycht ; and siclik, that thair be wther twa guid fellowis at the bow brig at the town end, keipand the same bayth day

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and nycht; and euery nychtbour and induellar the said burgh, bayth fremen and vnfremen, to furneis the same ilkane as it cumis about to thame, and as thai be chargit be the officiaris in the bailzeis names; and quhasaeuer dissobeis in thair rowme, the officiar to pund thame, and tak tua pennyworth of thair geir for ane d. to furneise the same; and als tha ordand Alexr. Ruderfurd, deyne of gild, to cause the Hamburght man sok the gwne at the blokhouise sufficientlie with ane guid soun sok, one the townis expensis; and ordinis the said dene of gild to pay the same of the tounis rediest mone he hes in his handis, or may get, with all diligence.

6th August, 1545.

The said day, Andro Menzies, bailzie, deliuerit Gilbert Mar, and the laif of the merchandis of the boyart, thair cundeit for thair saif passage in Flanderis, and ordinit thame to feche tua vnce of fyne brint siluer [ ] gudis in the said schip, for the furnesing of the quenis grace and gouernouris necessaris, to be deliuerit to thair thesaurar, and he to deliuer thame or the avale thairof agane; and for the hame bringing heirof, Gilbert Mar, Johne Menzeis, Robert Nicholsoun, Wm. Farquharsoun, and Dauid Low, oblegit thame for thair avin partis for thame selffis; and als Dauid Low come souertie for Alexr. Fraser, John Jameson, and Henry Hay; and John Menzies com souertie for Johne Cargile; and Gilbert Mar come souerte for Wm. Garreaucht, that tha suld de siclik for thair partis; and als Gilbert Mar oblegit him to bring hame with him ane attentik tykat of the setting of the said gudis of the said haill schip, and how many sekis the same extendis in the haill furthwart.

10*th September*, 1545.

The said day, the counsale, present for the tyme, convenit within the counsale house of thair tolbuyth, considering the grit danger the tovnn now apperandlie standis of this pest now ragand in certane partis of this realme, and for euasioun of the same and schanging thairof, deuisis and ordinis that the denis of gild sall deburse mone, be the sycht of the bailzies, to sustene the suspect personis that ar inclusit, and hapnis to be inclusit, quhil Mononday nixt cumis exclusiue; and als ordinis four portis: that is to say, the Gallowgait, Ouerkirkgaitt, and Nedderkirkgait, and Thewis portis to be oppin allanerlie one the day lycht, and ane guid honest sufficient [man] to be at euery ane of thame, to keip the same; and tua siclike men to be ilk day

at the bow brig at the towne end to keip the same; and sax siclik men to wache the towne euery nicht, and to cum to the bailze of thair quarter and resaue thair directioun, euery man in thair avin rovme, as thay be warnit be the officiar; and euery man, as he beis warnit in his rovme, to wache and keip the portis himself, or ellis send ane sufficient man for him; and quhay that dissobeis to pay the mannis waige that hapnis to be feit in his roume, and viij s. of vnlaw vnforgevin; and at na keiparis of the portis ressaue ony testimonialis; bot quhen ony strangear cumis with testimoniale, to cum and aduerteis the bailze that sic an strangear is at the port with testimoniale, and cloise the port quhill the bailze cum, and than that the bailze ressaue or repell, as he will ansuer thairopoun; and quhen the bailzies hes ado concerning the townn, the nychtbouris to ryise as tha ar requyrit, and concur with them for fortificatioun of tham in the executioun of the tovnis besynes, vnder the pane of tinsale of thair fredome; and alse ordinis the deinys of gild to cause cloise all entres, vynnales, and passages, baith heid and vtheris quhar ony entres may be had in the towne by the forsaid four portis, one the townis expenssis; and ordinis the same to be alowit to thame in thair nixt comptis. 10th Sept., 1545.

11*th September*, 1545.

My lord prouest and bailzies of this noble burgh of Abirdene, to your worschipis, humelie menis and complanis, I, your nychtbour and seruand, Thomas Branche, burges of the said burgh, vpon Johnne Arthour, induellar in Leyth, and now presentlie in this guid townn: That quhar be the space of twenty dais bygane, or thairby, the said John Arthour come to my houise in Abirdene, and thair maid conditioun with me anent the ransoum of ane Inglisman presoner, callit John William, now beand in my possessioun in this towne, for the said Johnnis ransoum in maner efter following: that is to say, how mekle or quhat sowme of mone the said John William war content to pay to me for his ransoum, the said John Arthour oblegit him faythfullie to pay me the same in penny and penny worth instantlie on the said Johne Willeamis behalf; and thar efter, the said John William conuenit and agreit with me for five lib. stirveling mone for his ransoum, and his expenssis maid and to be maid sene the tyme of his cumyng to Abirdene one to his departing fra me, to be payit to me with the said five lib. stirveling. Nochtwithstanding the said John Arthour postponis

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and deferris to pay the said soume, with the expenssis afor exprimit, wrangeuslie and aganis the law, to my hawy damnage and skayth, and aganis iustice. Beseiking your worschipis for remeid heirof, and to cause and compell the said Johne Arthour to pay me the sowmes aboun writin, sa far as the said John will grant, or I ma sufficientlie preife, conforme to iustice; and your w[ ] ansuer agane heirwpoun humelie I beseik; and this my petitioun to haue the strinth of ane borgh, gif neid beis.

16*th September*, 1545.

The said day, in the terme assignit to John Arthur to answer to the petitioun and clame of Tomas Branche, tuching the clame of five lib. stirveling mone, clamit at him be the said Thomas, for the ransoum of John William, Ingliss man, presoner, as in the said Thomas clame is contenit at mair lynth, the said John denyit the same, and thaireftir is maid quit tharof and absoluit fray the said Thomas clame; and that is gevin for doome be the mouth of Thomas Blair, dempster of the court for the tyme; and the said John protestit for his expenssis and skaythis sustenit be him in the said mater, becaus the said Thomas hes provin na thing one him.

2*d November*, 1545.

The said day, the bailzies, with the avise of the men of guid of this guid town, present for the tyme, conducit and feit Sande Tailzeour to keip the brig of Dee, that na suspect personis of the contagius pest haue enteres thairat, to enter ilk day at v houris in the morning and remaine continualy thairat quhill vi houris at evin, and to haue thairfoir ilk day viij d.; quhilk Alexander accepit the said mater on him, and oblegit him faythfullie to keip the same lelilie and treulie, and this keiping to indur during the bailzies will, and to enter thairto this instant day.

The said day, the bailzies, with auise of the nychtbouris present for the tyme, thocht expedient and ordinit that thair be ane precept of the locumtenentis rasit, chargeand all nychtbouris, fremen of this guid town, that ar passit of the towne, to returne agane to the same, and to remane to skot and lott with thair nychtbouris be thameselffis, or ellis caus ane nychtbour answeir for thair duyte in thair rovme, as it fallis within vj dais, vnder the paine of horning.

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The said day, the bailzeis assignit Mononday nixt efter the law day efter Pasche nixt cumis, gif it be lauchtfull, and failzeing thairof the nixt lauchfull day thaireftir, to the prioir and conuent of the freris predicatouris of the said burgh, to exhibeit and produce afor thame peremptourlie in iugment thair rychtis, gif ony they haue, quhy tha aucht not to cum to the townis millis within the burgh with thair cornis that grovis vpon thair croftis, lyand on the north est syid of the said burgh, and pay thair multuris thairfor, as wther nychtbouris dois, at the instance of John Brabaner, takisman of the said millis persevand the same, with intimatioun and tha produce na thing therfor to evaid the same, the said day, thai will decerne thame simpliciter to feche thair said cornis to the said millis, and grynd thame thairat, and pay multuris thairfor, as wther nychtbouris dois, conforme to the statut of the guid tovn maid thairvpoun, in presens of the the said priour and freir John Myln, desirand the same in name of the said freris.

7th March, 1546.

Vniuersis et singulis ad quorum noticias presentes litere peruenerint Gilbertus Menzies Alexr. Rudirfurd et Dauid Andersoun tres balliuorum burgi de Abirdene in Scotia situati salutem in eo qui est omnium vera salus Cum pium sit et meretorium fidele testimonium perhibere veritati ne ipsius occultatio enotendo preiudicium generet hinc est quod nos balliui antedicti tenore presentium attestamur et fidem facimus per presentes quod quedam nauis Gallicana de Deip vocata ly Katherine cuius sub deo rector Carolus Michell vocitatur surrepta et capta fuit per Anglos ex aquis nostris de Abirdene decimo octauo die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo sexto et per eosdem abducta et ad certum tempus possessa fuerat Et quod tandem Willelmus Rolland senior noster convicinus burgensis et sui complicis et dictus Carolus Michell quandam nauem Flemingorum oppidi de Stissing infra porticum nostrum Abirdonensem pro tempore existentem ad manus proprias attextarunt et prefatos Anglos maretenus prosequebantur et prefatam nauem Gallicanum cum bonis eiusdem de nauibus dictorum Anglorum videntibus nobis recuperarunt Que quedam nauis Flemingorum post recuperationem memorata nauis Gallicane infortuna et aeris tempestate suam anchoram amisit et illius occasione super arenis usque terram aridam apud New-

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burgh prope burgum nostrum de Abirdene violentia transportata fuerat et ibidem diu remansit et haud minimis sumptibus et expensis saluata et vsque porticum nostrum Aberdonense reducta fuit Quamobrem dicta nauis Gallicana cum vniuersis Gallorum bonis in eadem pro tempore existentibus ad instantiam dicti Villelmi Rolland et suorum complicium necnon magni admorelli regni nostri Scotie arrestata fuit semper et quousque prefatus Carolus sufficientem cautionem ad respondendum et parendum eidem Villelmo et suis complicibus pro huiusmodi naue et bonis Gallorum in eadem pro tempore existentibus ut de iure tenetur pro recuperacione eiusdem de nauibus dictorum Anglorum prestaret vnacum dampnis et expensis factis et sustinendis super dicta naue Flemingorum et bonis eiusdem qui huiusmodi nauem Gallicanam de nauibus dictorum Anglorum recuperauit et vlterius ad respondendum ad instanciam dicti magni admirelli regni nostri in premissis ut iura volunt Quequidem Carolus huiusmodi cautionem prestare nequiuerat et illius occasione dicta nauis Gallicana cum bonis Gallorum eiusdem sub prefata arrestatione diu remansit et bona Gallorum eiusdem in custodia dicti Villelmi Rolland et officiarium dicti nostri burgi Abirdonensis permanserunt Et lis in premissis inter predictas partes continuauit et prefatus Carolus ad supremum nostrum gubernatorem necnon ad dictum magnum regni nostri admirellum premissorum occasione accessit et literas dicti magni nostri admirelli eidem Villelmo Rolland pro appunctuamento cum prefato Carolo in premissis reportauit Et tandem premissis ad longum tempus in lite inter dictas partes pendentibus prefate partes viz. dictus Villelmus Rolland pro se et nomine suorum complicium et prefatus Carolus Michell pro se et nomine suorum marenellorum et prefate nauis Gallicane et bonorum Gallorum eiusdem possessorum quorumcunque mediantibus auisamento et consultatione honorabilium virorum viz. Thome Menzies prepositi de Abirdene Roberto Myln prepositi de Dunde Villelmi Andersoun burgensis de Edinburgh et nonnullorum aliorum comburgensium burgi nostri de Abirdene penes clameum dicti Villelmi Rolland et suorum complicium prefate nauis Gallicane et bonorum Gallorum in eadem pro tempore existentium per dictum Villelmum et suos complices de nauibus dictorum Anglorum ut premittitur recuperatorum et pro dampnis dicte nauis Flemingorum et expensis super eadem et bonis eiusdem et suis marenellis factis dictum Carolum et suos complices prefatos concernentibus quantum eisdem in premissis incumbit Et notanter occasione et mandato dictarum literarum prefati magni nostri

admirelli finaliter appunctuarunt et concordarunt in hunc qui sequitur modum viz. dictus Carolus Michell pro se et nomine suorum complicium marenellorum et prefate nauis Gallicane et bonorum Gallorum eiusdem possessorum quorumcunque soluet eidem Villelmo Rolland et suis complicibus summam centum et viginti quinque scutorum anneorum de sole iusti ponderis aut eorundem verum valorem pro manibus ad suum recessum ex opido Abirdonensi Quamobrem dictus Villelmus Rolland pro se et suis complicibus antedictis exonerabit dictum Carolum et suos complices superius expressatos de eorundem integro clameo dicte nauis Gallicane et singulorum bonorum Gallorum eiusdem imperpetuum Et idem Villelmus Rolland preseruabit eundem Carolum et suos complices antedictos indempnes ad manus omnium Flemingorum possessorum memorate nauis et bonorum eiusdem et aliorum omnium interesse habentium de omnibus dampnis et expensis dicte nauis Flemingorum et bonorum eiusdem Et dictus Carolus habebit naulum integrorum bonorum Scotorum in memorata naui Gallicana existentium et in eadem in opido de Deip cartatorum et vsque porticum Abirdonense in eadem transportatorum et huiusmodi naulum per manus dicti Villelmi Rolland et nullius alterius percipiet aut saltem eidem Villelmo in partem solutionis summe suprascripte pro premissis locabit Prouiso tamen quod dictus Carolus et eius nauis scriba iustum inuentarium integrorum bonorum Scotorum in dicta naui Gallicana in oppido de Deip in huiusmodi naue cartatorum ac iustum compotum deli[nis] eorundem mediis eorum juramentis eidem Willelmo Rolland deliberabunt ad effectum quod praefatus Willelmus ratiocinium et compotum de eisdem habere poterit Et dictus Willelmus Rolland obligauit se corpusque suum et bona sua ad preseruandum dictum Carolum et complices suos antedictos indempnes de premissis ad manus omnium Scotorum et Flemingorum interesse habentium Et similiter dictus Carolus obligauit se corpusque suum et bona sua omnia ad preseruandum et indempnes seruandum dictum Villielmum Rolland et suos complices antedictos de premissis ad manus omnium Gallorum in premissis interesse habentium imperpetuum Quodquidem appunctuamentum prefatus Willelmus et Carolus pro seipsis et suis complicibus antedictis obligarunt seipsos hinc inde fide media in omnibus suis punctis et partibus ut premittitur prout singulis eorum incumbit tempore confectionis memorati appunctuamenti inuiolabiliter obseruare Tandem prefatus Willelmus Rolland pro se et suis complicibus antedictis Et dictus Carolus et Johannes Durant Johannes Dumefuill

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7th March, 1546. Martinus Pitart Michaell Prennet et Johannes le Cok marenelli dicte nauis pro seipsis et eorum complicibus possessoribus dicte nauis Gallicane et Gallorum bonorum eiusdem quorumcunque comparuerunt coram nobis in pretorio dicti burgi nostri de Abirdene pro tribunali sedentibus septimo die mensis Martii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo sexto et ibidem suprascriptum appunctuamentum in omnibus suis punctis et partibus ratificarunt et approbarunt et idem in nostre curie libris inseri sumptibus eorum petierunt Postremo dictus Willelmus Rolland pro se et nomine suorum complicium antedictorum fatebatur judicialiter coram nobis ut premittitur sedentibus se recepisse per manus dicti Caroli Michell suprascriptam summam centum et viginti quinque scutorum aureorum de sole iusti ponderis superius expressatorum pro causis superius specificatis Et exonerauit eundem Carolum et suos complices antedictos pro se et suis complicibus memoratis et similiter de suo et suorum complicium clameo dicte nauis Gallicane et bonorum Gallorum eiusdem pure et simpliciter imperpetuum Super quibus prefate partes nostras literas testimoniales in premissis hinc inde humiliter petierunt quas eosdem benigne concessimus et sub nostri sigilli ad causas testimonio muniendas annuimus Apud dictum burgum nostrum de Abirdene septimo die mensis Martii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo sexto secundum cursum et computationem ecclesie nostre Scoticane.

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The said day, Maister Jerome Chene, and James Chene, his broder, war accusit in iugment be the bailzeis, in name of the haill toune, for the strublance of this guid towne and bluid dravin, committit be thame within the same and fredome thairof, tha beyng dotit with priuilege of bluidweik and vnlaw thairof, and askit tham to deny or grant; and the said Maister Jerome and James allegit that tha aucht not to ansuer in this court, nor yit the bailzeis ar nocht iugis competent to tham, becaus tha ar clerkis and within ordouris, and be that priuilege is nocht astrikit to ansueir bot afor thair iuge ordinar. Nochttheles, vnder protestatioun, that it be nocht preiudiciale to thame nor thair priuilege, desirit ane lauchfull day, and tha suld ansuer in the said matter as law vald; and the bailzeis decernit that thai aucht nocht to haue ane day to ansuyr in the said mater, becaus the bluid wes recently committit within ane priuilegit towne, and the actioun is priuilegit in the self, and the commond practik and consuetud of this

town in sic casis, in all tymes bygane, wes and is, that the committer of sic recent crimes of bluid wes instantly, but postposition, causit ansuir for his offensis, and thairfor chargit the said Maister Jerome and James, be John Crag, thair officiar, to consult with thair procutouris, James Ogilwy and Maister Thomas Annand, and wtheris, thair freyndis now present, and to deny or grant the said cryme. And because the saidis Maisteris Jerome and James wald nather deny nor grant, beand oft and syndry tymes chargit thairto be the said officiar, bot contempnandly refuisit and dissobeyit the said charge, the said officiar brak his vand of office vpoun the said Maister Jerome and James, and tha war instantly convikit for the makin of the said deforciament, and contemptioun of the bailzeis and officeris in executioun of thair office, and chargit to remaine in vard, quhill tha set cautioun for the vnlaw of deforciament with all that may follow thairupoun; and for to compeir on Mononday nixt cumis, to ansuer for the said cryme of bluid committit be tham, at the townis instance, as law vill; and als to ansuer at the instance of party for the said bluid, quhen and quhair it sall pleis him persew the same; and forder, that this guid towne and all the inhabitantis thairof salbe harmles and skaythles of thame, and all that tha may let in tyme cumyng, bot as law vill. And thairefter, Robert Cullane and John Chene become cautioneris, souerteis, and lauboris, coniunctly, for the said Maister Jerome and James, in forme and maner forsaid, and for all poyntis, as is aboun writin, and the said Maister Jerome and James oblegit thame to releif thair said souerteis. 19th March, 1546.

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The said day, the bailzeis forsaid, for thameselffis and in name of the hail towne of Abirdene, and Alexr. Ratray for himself, be Thomas Menzies of Petfoddellis, oblesand for him de rato, and Amrouse Tailzeour for him self one that ane part, and Maister Jerome Chene, and James Chene, his brother, on that wther pairt, ar compromittit in iugment to stand and abid at the decreit and ordinance of thir personis vnderwritin, that is to say, Maister John Gordoun, Mr Robert Lummisden, Gilbert Menzies, bailzie, and William Rolland elder, or ony tua of thame, for the part of the said towne of Abirdene, Alexr. Ratray, and Amroise Tailzeour; and James Gordoun of Methlik, Thomas Chene, zoung lard of Essilmont, Alexr. Chene of Stralocht, and John Chene of Arnage, or any tua of thame, for the part of the saidis Maisteris Jerome and James, with avise counsale of

21st March. 1546. Thomas Menzeis of Petfoddellis, odman and ouerman, equaly nemmit and chosin be bayth the saidis pairtiis, tuching the bluid dravin of the said Alexr. Ratray, done and maid be the saidis Maisteris Jerome and James the xix day of Marche instant, within the said burgh, and the strublance of thame be the said Alexr., and the strublance of the said towne be the saidis Maisteris Jerome and James thairthrow, and deforsing of John Crag, officiar in iugment, and dissobeing of the bailzeis charge in iugment, sa far as concernis the townn, and sa far as tha may proceid thairupoun be thair auctoritie; and tuching the hurting and bluid draving of the said Amrouse Tailzeour, and mutilation of him of his left hand, allegit done be the said Maister Jerome the xiij day of Aprile, the yeir of God ane thousand five hundreth fourty five yeris, vnder silence of nycht, in the quenis grace and tovnis vache, and the vrang done to the said towne thairthrow; and tuching all wther actionis and querelis that ather of the saidis pairtiis hes to say to wtheris, afor the day and dait herof. Quhilk pairtiis, with tua of the four arbiteris forsaid for ilk pairty, with the odman abounwrittin, sall conuein in the grey freris of Abirdene, the secund day of Aprile nixt cumis, at tene houris afor novne, and accept the said materis on thame, and be sorne thairto, and to cognosce thairintill, and finaly to gif furth thair decreit and ordinance thairintill that same day or the sone ganging to, with full powar to the said arbiteris to prorogat thair decreit and ordinance to quhatsumeuer wther day or dais as thai sall think expedient; and for the obseruing, fulfilling, and keiping of all and sindry the premisses, ilkane for thair avin part, ather of the said pairtyis, viz. the saidis Maister Jerome and James and Amroise, for thame selffis, present in iugment, and the bailzeis forsaid for the said towne, and the said Thomas Menzeis for the said Alexr. Ratray, oblesand him de rato, in name of the said Alexr., as said is, ar sorne the grit ayth in iugment, but appellatioun, reuocatioun, or reclamatioun; and forder, Robert Cullane is becumin cautioun for the saidis Maisteris Jerome and James, that tha sall keip the day aboun writtin, with tua of the arbiteris nemmit be tham, and als sall vnderly fulfill and keip the decreit and deliuerance of the said arbiteris and ouerman, how euer tha deliuer in the premisses, and the said Thomas Menzies cautioun for the said Alexr. Ratray that he sall do the same; and forder, the said Robert Cullane is becummin lawbouris for the saidis Maisteris Jerome and James, that the said Alexr. Ratray salbe skaythles of thame and all that tha lett in tymes cuming, bot as law vill, and Thomas Menzeis

is becumin lawbouris for Alexr Ratray, that the saidis Maisteris Jerome and James sal be skaythles of him and all that he may lett in tymes cumyng, bot as law vill; and the said Maister Jerome and James oblegit thame to releife the said Robert, on the quhilkis bayth the saidis pairtyis tuik act of court and instrumentis afor thir vitnes, Maister John Bell, Maister James Torre, John Malisoun, and Maister John Kennedy. 21st March, 1546.

The said day, the counsale ordinis the haill gudis and geir beand in Alexr. Scottis houiss to be clengit, and he to remaine cloise in quhill it be clengit; and his broderis sone to be sene be the officiaris nakit, gif he hes or hed the pest; and gif it beis fundin that he hes or hed the pest, he to be expellit the towne, and to be punnest for conceling thairof; and the wemen that hes brokin commond ordinance to be put to the linkis; and the voman vnder the stair to be inclusit, because of hir repair to the said Alexr. but licence, and his voman to remain with him self, vnder the pain of birning of his cheik.

24th March, 1546.

The said day, the haill townn being varnit be thair hand bell, and convenit for the maist pairt, representand the haill body of the townn, consentit that Alexr. Ratray, thair gunnar, suld be pait for his lawbouris bygane, conforme to promise maid to him the tyme he was conducit; and als war content that the counsale deuisit and prouidit quharwith he suld be pait quhairintill and quhat sort, oblesand thame to hald ferme and stabill quhat the counsale did thairintill.

25th March, 1546.

The said day, the counsale, present for the tyme, consentit, all in ane voce, that Maister Hew Monro, maister of the grammar skuilhill of the said burgh, haue guid and thankfull paiment of the tovnn of his yeirly pentioun of tene merkis Scottis mone, conforme to the act maid thairupoun obefoir, sa lang as he remanis continevaly and techis in the said skuilhill as he aucht and suld do of ressoun. And als that euery honest man, freman within the said burgh, baith merchandis and craftismen, ressaue him and the bischop at Sanct Nicholace mess within thair houissis, conforme to the auld lovabill vse of the said burgh, and gif him thair wagis of the auld maner, efferand to thair estatis, as tha think expedient. And gif ony

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honest man, merchand or craftisman, that ma guidly gif his wagis, ressauis him nocht and the bischop at the same tyme, that he sall complane on the dissobeyaris to the bailzeis that hapnis to be in office for the tyme, and tha to caus him to haue his duyte of thame, be the avise of the consale, conforme to the auld vse of this said burgh.

12*th April*, 1546.

The said day, it was deuisit and ordinit be the haill counsall, present for the tyme, considdering the grit danger the town now apperandly standis intill in this trubluss time of weir, be our ald ennimeis of Ingland, that all nychtbouris thairof, bayth merchandis and craftismen, that ar now without the town, reteir thameselffis, viffis, and houshaldis within the same, within ix dais, for walkin, and warding, and bering of wther chargis necessar, and defense of the same, vnder the pane of tinsale of thair fredovmes, and all takis and proffitis tha haue of the townne; and ordinit oppin proclamatioun to be maid heirupoun at the merkat corce of the said burgh . . . .

18*th April*, 1546.

I, Nicholace Reaule, capitane of ane schip of Deip callit the Litill [ ], grantis me to haue ressauit be the handis of ane honorabill man, Thomas Menzeis of Petfoddellis, full contentatioun and thankfull paiment of the haill charge and laiding of tua Ingliss prysis takin be me and my complices, and sellit to the said Thomas laidnit with quhit, malt, and aittis, extending in the haill to ane hundreth tua bollis of quhit, tua hundreth saxtene bollis of malt, and twenty sax bollis of aittis, of the quhilk I grant me veill content and pait, and quitclames and discharges the said Thomas, and the toun and inhabitantis of Abirdene, and all wtheris whom it efferis thairof, be thir presentis, for now and euer, be this my acquittance subscriuit with my hand, at Abirdene the xvii day of Aprile, the yeir of God ane thousand five hundreth fourty sax yeris; and forder is content that this my acquitance be insert in the commond buikis of the toun of Abirdene, and haue the strenth of ane act tharof, befor thir witnes, Wm. Andersoun, John Malysoun, burgessis of Abirdene, Maister Johne Michelsoun and Maister John Kennedy, notaris publik, with wtheris diuerse.

19*th April*, 1546.

The said day, it is deuisit and ordinit be the bailzeis and counsale pre-

sent for the tyme, in presens of the haill baxsteris of the said burgh, warnit herto, havand consideratioun and respect to the prisis of quhytis bocht be the said baxsteris, bayth of Scottis quhit, and als of the quhittis tha gat of the tua Inglis prysis laitly, of the same price it was cost be the tounn, all preheid togidder, that the said baxsteris sall baik xiij vnces of guid clene and weill bakin breid of quhit, for tua pennies at the lest, and quhasaeuer dois in the contrar, and beis conuict thairof, the haill breid fundin with him for the time to be escheit and destrinit, be the avise of the bailzeis and counsale as tha think expedient for the time, without ony request to be hard in the contrar; and this ordinance to indur ay and quhill it be dissoluit be the bailzeis and counsale. 19th April, 1546.

9th May, 1546.

I, Willeame Mwirhead, ane of the bailzies of Edinburgh, and collectour deput be the prouest, bailzes, counsale, and communite of the said burgh, for the gaddering and ressaving of the taxt avancit be the said provest and bailzeis, of the sowme of j^{m} frankis, ilk frank xii s., for the furnessing of the ambassiatour that passis to the emperour in Flanderis be Franche, for the comprehencioun of this realme and lieges thairof, in the pece takin betuix the king of France and the emperour, as at mair lynth is contenit in our souerane ladyis letteris direct to Peter Thomson, alias Buit pursephant, thairupon, be the tenour heirof gevis and grantis to the said Peter my full power to ressaue the taxt of thir burrowis vnderwrittin: that is to say, Stirling, Linlythquhow, Abirdene, Dunde, Perth, Banf, Dunfermling, Caraill, Forfar, Breching, Montrose, Elgin, Inuernes, Abirbrothok, Sanctandrois, Cowper, Cullane, Fores, Narne, Thain, Dysart, Kirkcaldy, ilk burgh for thair avin pairt and sowme, as is contenit in our souerane ladyis letteris; and the said Peter to gif his acquittance of his ressait of the taxt of ilk burgh, quhilk acquittance salbe als sufficient discharge to thame as and tha had my avin discharge or acquittance, becaus the tym is schort, and grit relief to euery burgh of expensis; and quhen euer ony of the said burrowis bringis or sendis to me the said acquitance of the receipt of the said taxt, I, be the tenour heirof, oblegis me to gif to thame, or ony of thame, my avin acquittance, be this my full powar and charge, subscriuit with my hand, at Edinburgh the penult day of Aprile, the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} and fourty five yeiris, befor thir vitnes, Patrik Barroun of Spitalfeild,

9th May, 1546. William Craik, and William Car, bailzeis of Edinburgh, with wther diuerse.

My lord prouest and baizes of this guid towne of Aberdene, onto your l[ ], humelie menis and complenis, I, Gilbert Mar, burges of the said burgh, vpon James Melvin, Andro Durty, Walter Reid, and Cornelius Potter, now beyng apprehendit afor your lordschipis, within ane towne of iustice, that vpon the xxvij day of Aprile last bypast, in the yeir of God ane thousand v^c xlvj yeris, I, beand vpoun the se, for feir of our ennimeis of Ingland, put in ane schip boit thir gudis vnderwrittin, pertening to me as my avin proper geir : that is to say, ane cloik, worth tene lib. Scottis, ane freise clock, worth five pundis, four sarkis of Holand lynning, vorth iiij lib., ane ledderane coit, worth tua crovnis of the sone, ane Flemis ell of welwet, cost xi s. grit, xlij Flemis ell of sandeill, the price sax lib., and ane stik of colyne silk for beltis and gartanis, the price viij s. grit ; in the quhilk boit thare war present the personis aboun writin, quhom I direkit to keip my said claise and gudis aboune writtin, and to bring thame in Scotland, how sone tha hapnit to cum hayme thame selffis, vpoun my expenssis, with the quhilkis claise and geir pertening to me aboun writin tha intromettit with, and in part of thair expensis I deliuerit to Jame Andersoun alias Cockcall, ane croun of the sone, and tua grottis, in name of the persounis aboun writin. Neuertheles the forsaid James, Andro, Walter, and Cornelius, vrangusly, and aganis the law, postponis, refusis, and deferris to deliuer me my said claise and geir aboun exprimit, howbeit tha intrometit thairwith, and tha ar cumm saiflie thameselffis in Scotland, albeit I haue requirit thame diueris tymes tharfor, nor yet intendis to do, without tha be compellit : beseiking heirfor your l[ ], prouest and bailzeis forsaid, to decerne and compel be iustice James Melwin, &c.

18*th May*, 1546.

The said day, the counsale present for the tyme, deuisit and ordinit the bailzeis, and certane of the counsale with thame, to pas this day at tua efternoone to the kirk yard, and thair exerce and vesy all the begaris within this burgh, and considder quhay is natiue within the toune, and quhay nocht, and sa mony as tha find natiue, and admittis, to gif thame

the tounis takyn, as tha sall think expedient; and ordinit all wther begaris to be chargit to dewoid the towne within twenty four hours nixt efter thair charge, vnder the pane of laying of ane hait irne on their cheik, and quhay that dissobeis, the said xxiiij houris being passit, the said pane to be execut on thame; and als ordinit dekynnis to be chosin for giding and rewling of the said begaris efteruart, as salbe deuisit be the counsale, and als ordinit that all personis within this townn, havand ony landis and houssis to sett, that tha sett nane in tymmes cuming to na maner of personis, but to tham that tha answer for as sufficient nychtbouris; and gif ony of the said tenentis committis ony crymes of resetting of geir, or vnlauchfull personis, the ownaris of the said landis to ansuer tharfor, sa far as tha ar insufficient tenentis; and ordinis oppin proclamatioun to be maid heirwpoun at the mercat corce in generale, and als the hand bell to pas throw the townn thairwpoun. 18th May, 1546.

24th May, 1546.

The said day, the baillies requirit and solistit all the nychtbouris of this guid townn that bes nocht cumin at Pasche to thair vicar, for paying of thair dwety, conforme to the auld louabill vse of this guid toun, lykas thai haif requestit the saidis nychtbouris thairto obefor, that thai cum to the said vicar and pay thair said dwety, within xlviij houris, sua that he haf na cause to complane on thame in spirituall court; and failzeing therof, the bailzeis ar content, and ordanit the said vicar to persew the saidis personis that lyis avak in contemptioun afor the spirituall jurisdiction, and thai sell assist and concur with him towart the persute of them; on the quhilk he tuk act of court.

1st June, 1546.

My lord prouest and bailzeis of this nobill burgh of Abirdene, vnto your l[ ] humelie menis and complenis, I, your l[ ] seruitour, Thomas Philpson, burges of the said burgh, vpoun Gilbert Tulidef and Thomas Myln, comburgessis of the same burgh, that quhair, in the moneth of May, in the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} xliiij yeris, at my departing of this town of Abirdene to Danskin, in Pattonis schip of Dunde, I left and committit to the said Gilbert and Thomas my mandament and full powar to intromet with all and sindry gudis, movabill and vnmovabill, pertening or richtuus mycht pertene to me, and dettis that was avand to me in the cuntra be ony

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maner of persoun or personis, and maid and constitut thame my procutouris and factouris, till ouptak, intromet, and ressaue the same to my vtilite and proffeit. And the saidis Gilbert and Thomas, be ressoun forsaid, intrometit, ouptuik, and ressauit thir gudis, geir, dettis, and sowmes of mone vnder writtin, that was in my houise and buyth within the said burgh of Abirdene, and ressauit thir dettis fray the creditours vnderwrittin, sen my departing in the said moneth of May. In the first, the said Thomas Myln, be himself and wtheris of his name, of his causing, command, assistance, and ratificatioun, the xi day of May, or thairby, in the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} xliiij yeris, ressauit furth of my buyth thir gudis efter following: Thre dosoun hemp, price dosoun xxiiij s.; item, thre dosoun silkin poyntis, the price of the dosoun ij s.; item, any grit buyst, and certane kemmis, worsettis, spectikyllis, and wther small geir in it, worth xl s.; item, five dosoun vj worset poyntis, price dosoun viij d.; item, ane lib. half ane quarter of ane pinch of quhit wax, the price v s.; item, xv ellis half ell of Scottis worsettis, price ell vi d.; item, iiij caise of kemmis, the price of the caise xviij d.; item, viij bykyris, the price of the pece, iij d.; item, ane dosoun of arrowhedis, the price ij s.; item, ane pakin creill lokit, with certane merchand geir in it, worth xl s.; item, ane wther pakin creill, worth xviij d.; item, ane vob of tartane, contenand x ellis, the price of ell iiij s.; item, ane pece of new tow that wes in ane kist contenand vij fawdoum, the price of the fawdoum viij d.; item, ane denis aix, the price vi s. viij d.; item, vi pekis of small salt, the price of the pek, xii d. Item, the xxii day of Junij, or thairby, the yeir forsaid, the said Thomas Myln ressauit furth of my buyth of my howse in the Gallogat thir gudis vndirwritin, viz.: ane dowblet of new blak chamlet, the price, l s.; item, tua Marekyne cotis, ane reid, the price, xx s., ane wther blak, the price, x s.; item, ane pair of dobbill blankatis, the price, vj s. viij d.; item, ane blankat of tartane, the price, iij s.; item, ane hewin aix, the price, ij s.; item, ane burdclayth, the price, xxx d. Item, the said Gilbert Tulidef be himself, his seruandis and complices, in his name, of his causing, and command, the said xxij day of Junij or thairby, intrometit and ressauit furth of my said buyth thir gudis efter following: that is to say, ane stuf sak, the price, xviij s.; ane knapiscaw, the price xiiij s.; item, ane blak bonnat, the price, xij s.; item, ane feirkin, with certane saip restand in it, extending to iij dousoun, the price dousoun, xxxij s.; item, ane irne pot, the price, x s.; item, viij pekis small salt, the price pek, xij d.; item, xix wemen schetis, the price of the pece,

vj d.; item, ane stik of tartane contenand xxiij ellis, the price of the ell, xl d.; item, ane stik of hardin contenand xviij ellis, the price of the ell, xviij d.; item, ane throcht lok, the price, xl d.; item, thre ryme of paper, the price of the ryme, xx s. Attour the said Gilbert and Thomas intromettit and ressauit furth of my said buythis and houissis thir guidis and merchandreis eftir following sen the moneth of May aboun writin, or my returning to Aberdene agane: that is to say, xi dosoun vj schetis, the price dosoun, vj s.; item, ix pennaris, the price, vj d.; item, xviij quair of paper, the price of the quair, xx d.; item, iij ellis of small quhit, the price of the ell, iij s.; ane pair of gray hoise, the price, x s.; item, vii pursis, the price of the pece, vj d.; item, vij bagis, the price pece, viij d.; item, xvj small pursis, the price pece, iij d.; item ane knapschaw bonat, with ane wther bonnat, price of the pece, xl d.; item, ane clut of nedillis, the price, viij s.; item, vj blak hattis, the price of the pece, ij s.; item, tua blew hattis, the price of the pece, v s.; item, ane blak thrumit hat, the price, viij s.; item, tua ellis thre quarteris of narrow blak, the price of the ell, viij s.; item, ane pair of tailzeour scheris, the price, ij s. vj d.; item, tua irne handis of ane caddroun, the price vj s. viij d.; item, xviij ellis of blak bukrame, the price of the ell, v s.; item, thre quarteris of reid bukrame, the price iiij s.; item, iij bykniffis, the price of the pece, viij d.; item, iij scheip skynnis, the price of the pece, ij s.; item, vj pair of glassis, the price of the pair, vj d.; item, half ane gross of poyntis, the price, xviij d.; item vj quartaris of grit carsay, the price, vj s.; item, ij ellis of colour the kersey, the price of the ell, x s.; item, half ane cow hide, the price, viij s.; item, ane bow, the price, v s.; item, ane fut spaid, the price, ii s.; item, ane schwill, the price viij d.; item, ane wallett of ledder, the price, xvj d.; item, ane pair of small ballandis, the price, v s.; item, ane pair of butis, the price, v s.; item, thre bollis iij pekis of small salt, the price of the boll, xvj s.; item, vj pece of pewter veschell, the price, x s.; item, twa twin poyntis that Thomas Myln intromettit with, the price of the pece, viij s.; item, ane twin quart, the price xii s., and ane twin poynt, the price viij s., that the said Gilbert intromettit with; item, tua twyse pundis half pund of brass, the price viii s.; item, ane grit burd, the price, iij lib.; item, ane pair of pepper quernis, the price, xii d.; item, v pece of leddin pundis, the price of the pece, viij d.; item, ane litill lok, the price, xii d.; item, ane pair of boullis, the price, xii d.; item, ane grit chandelar, the price, xx s.; half ane twine barrell, the

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price, ii s.; item, ane lang sadill bed of aik, the price, iij lib.; item, ane cheir of aik, xviij s.; item, ane new press, the price, xviij s.; item, ean veschell bynk, the price, viij s.; item, iij pair of blak spurris of the Franche fasoun, the price of the pair, iij s.; item, ane compter clayth, price x s. Item, the said Gilbert and Thomas ressauit thir sowmes and dettis vnder writtin in my name, fra diuerse my creditouris that war avand me the same, viz.: fra Andro Crawfurd yovnger, as souertie for John Menzies, xxx s. for tua ellis blak; item, fra Rob Crag, laxfischar, half ane barrell of salmond, the price, xl s.; item, fra Sande Fergussoun, xlvj s.; item, fra Eduard Robertsoun, for maill of my house in the Gallowgait, xxxii s.; item, fra Sande Still in Murcour, xii s. for ane blak bonat; item, fray Edward Brow, for ane irne pot, ix s.; item, fra John Roger yownger, for the rest of ane jrne pot, vj s.; item, fra Sande Banerman in Auld Abirdene, ix s.; item, fra Mege Neilsoun, for tua yeris maill of my house in the Guestraw, xliiij s.; item, fra Cunne Malcome, xvj s. for ane yeris maill of my house forsaid; item, fra Sande Vrquhart, xvj s. of maill of ane buyth of my land in the Gallowgait; item, thre dense aikisis, tua in the house and ane in my buith, the price of the pece, vj s. viij d.; item, ane vob of tartane contenand x ellis, the price ij s.; item, half ane hundreth laid of elding, the price xx s.; item, ane grene kirtill, the price xxiiij s. Quhilkis gudis and geir aboun writtin, of the price and valour forsaid sowmes, and money aboun expremit, the saidis Gilbert and Thomas Myln vrangusly, and aganis the law, postponis and deferris to refund, &c.

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My lord prouest and bailzies of this noble burgh of Abirdene, to your l[ ], humelie menis and complanis, I, Wm. Mair, vpoun Andro Dirty, James Melwin, and Walter Reid, marinellis, now beand within your iurisdictioun in Abirdene: That quhar in the Pasche owk last bypast, or thairby, in the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} and xlvj, I deliuerit to the said Andro Dirty, James Melwin, and Walter Reid, beyng in ane boit of Gilbert Marris schip, in the see, one the cost of Berwik or thairby, ane bulget of blak ledder, lokit with tua lokis, ane of ilk syde, to haue bene saiffit and keipit be thame, and brocht hame to me in Scotland; for the quhilk I gaif thame amangis thame ane crown of the soun; the quhilk croun was ressauit amang thame. Within the quhilk bulget was contenit this geir following belangand to me:

half ane ell of red weluet; four ellis of Holland clayth; tua beltis of variant silk, knapit with gold; half ane pund of blak pastment silk; ane pair of schort blak hoise; ane blak bonnet; thre dosoun of menekin stringis, for lutis; thre dosoun of grene ribbanes, silk; tua losin sarkis; ane spunge of birse; tua pair of tapheit gartanes, ane blak, ane wther blew, contenand ane ellene. Neuertheless the said Andro, James, and Walter, vrangusly, and aganis the law, withhaldis fra me the geir aboun writtin. 7th June, 1546.

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Sequitur tenor commissionis Dauidis Andersoun.

Bailzeis, counsale, and communite of Abirdene, we greit yow weill: Forsamekle as it is desirit of ws our guid vill and mynd, as your prouest, for makin of burgessis sonns fremen and burgessis, be the tennour heirof, I gif my powar of prouestry to Dauid Andersoun, or ony ane of thame, and makis thame my deputis in the said office, to ressaue Andro Scherar, James Rolland, to be fremen and burgessis, nochtwithstanding thair youthheid, and to joise and bruik thair priuileges of burgessis. Forder to do thairin as I war present in propir persoun, haldand and for to hald firme and stabill all and quhatsumeuer my said deputis to the saidis Andro and James, be vse and consuetud of the said burgh, be this writ, subscriuit with my hand at Huntly, the xxij day of Junij, 1546. Et sic subscribitur, George Erle of Huntly.

13*th July*, 1546.

The said day, the bailzeis and counsale, present for the tyme, agreit Sir John Futhe, maister of thair sang skuill, and John Blak, singar, of all falis and faltis betuix thame in tymes bigane; and forder, the said Sir John was content for the tyme, and gaif his guid will and licence to the said John Blak, as deput vnder him, to teche and lerne all the barnis of the said sang skuill singing, and therfor to ressaue and ouptak the haill proffeit the said John mycht get of the said skuill to his awin vtilite and proffeit, sa lang as he makis guid seruice thairintill without ony falt, induring the said Sir Johnis will. And, in the mentyme, the said John to have power to puneis and correc his avin tua brether, Alexr. Grayis tua sonis, ane Skeyne, and ane Lummisdan, barnis of the said skuill, reseruand the punyisment of the remanent barnis therof to the said Sir John himself, as superior thairof; and forder, the said John Blak was content, in presens of the said bailzeis

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and counsale, gif euer he falit agane to the said Sir John, in his defalt in tymes cuming, in ony thing concerning the said skuill, to be dischargit of all proffetis he hes of the townn of Abirdene for his service within thair queir and kirk thairof, during the vill of the bailzeis and counsale for the tyme.

19*th July*, 1546.

The said day, the bailzeis ordinit the officiaris to pas and varne all maner of personis avand ony malis or dettis to the brig of the Dee, to cum this day xv dais afore the counsale, and mak compt, rakening, and paiment thairof, with intimatioun, and thai do nocht, tha will gar puind and distrenze thame for the same. And als the bailzeis and counsale ordinit thair maister of thair brig wark to pas and tak tua or thre of the counsale with him, and wesy, with ane masoun and wrycht, all faltis of the said brig, and enter craftismen thairto, to reforme the same with all diligence, be avise of the forsaid personis, and mak expensis thairupoun, and ordinit the same to be alovit to him in his nixt comptis.

6*th August*, 1546.

The said day, it is statut and ordinit be the bailzeis, counsale, and communite of this guid townn, tha beyng varnit, &c., for the commond veill of the same, and evading sa far as tha ma fray the contagius pest now latly rising of new in certane partis of this realme, that all maner of mendicantis and beggaris within this towne dewoyd the same, except sa mony as is licent to remane be the bailzeis and counsale, and hes the townis taking, within xxiiij houris nixt efter the tuelt hour of this day, vnder the pane of burning of thame with ane hett jrne one the cheik that beis fundin within this townn efter the said xxiiij houris; and thaireftir tha beand brint that remanis and contempnis the said charge to dewyid the said tounn within wther xxiiij houris, vnder the pane of deid, viz. hanging or drovning. And als that na maner of nychtbouris within this burgh ressaue nor harbour na maner of mendicantis nor begaris, strangeris, without speciale licence of the bailzeis or ane of thame thairto, vnder the said paine; and gif ony siclik cumis to this townn, that tha remane nocht aboun xxiiij houris within the same, vnder the same pane. And als that the bailzeis, pas with certane honest nychtbouris with thame, this instant day efter nowne, throcht all the partis and rewis of this guid toun, and vesy the same, and remove and ex-

pell all mendicantis and begaris of the same that ar nocht licent to remane, and charge thame to remove vnder the panes forsaid. And als that na maner of personis of botis nor crayaris that hapnis to cum out of the south partis be ressauit, nor licent, nor tholit to cum out of thair crayaris nor botis, nor ressauit in ony lugingis nor houssis within this guid town, nor yit na metis nor drinkis nor wther necessaris ministrat to thame, nor yit that na personis mell with tham in na sort, without speciale licence of the bailzeis, or ane of thame at the lest, had thairto, vnder the said panis. And als that thair be ane honest seruand man at euery port of this guid towne ilk day, to keip the same frathinfurth quhill the town be forder auisit, as tha sall ressaue directioun of the bailzeis thairto, and euery nychtbour of the guid toun to furneis the same thair tyme about, as it fallis, and tha varnit thairto, and als ordinit oppin proclamatioun to be maid heirof at the mercat corce. 6th Aug., 1546.

27*th August*, 1546.

The said day, the bailzeis and counsale present for the tyme ordinit Dauid Andersoun, thair maister of kirk wark, to send to Sanctandrowis for ane plumbar, to reforme and mend the faltis of thair kirk; and ordinis that quhat expensis he gevis ane seruand to pass for the said plumbar, and als quhat he gevis the said plumbar for his travell heir, gif he agreis nocht with him one the wark, and gif he agreis, quhat expensis he makis thair upoun to be alovit thankfully to him in his next comptis.

13*th September*, 1546.

The said day, the haill tovnn beyng varnit to this day, &c., it wes exponit and schavin to thame be the bailzeis, how that, in all tyme of weir bygane sene the deceise of our maist nobill prince James the Fift, quhom God asolze, this guid tounn and inhabitantis thairof hes keipit thair handis clein, and done na vrang, hurt, nor trubill to na maner of schipis nor personis of Flanderis, Denmark, nor nane of the est partis, nor yit nane of thame complentus on this towne as yit to this, and that ther is na weir betuix ws and them, and elikvise apperand pace betuix ws and Ingland, and proclamationis maid thairvpoun, as is notabilly knavin, as in the letteris direct thairwpoun mair fullely is contenit; and at tha ar now latly informit that Melchor Cullane and certane wtheris, his complices, are passit furth laitly of the towne of Leyth with ane schip in veirsaw, without ony licence

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of the gouernour and lordis of counsale, expressly agains the charge of the said letteris. Therfor, to ewaid damnage and skaythis that ma follow thairwpoun, and to hald and keip this toune in ane guid bruit and name, as it hes bene in the tyme forsaid bygane, it is statut and ordinit be the haill townn, &c., that na maner of persoun, within this towne duelland, freman nor vnfreman, by ony maner of schipis or prisis, or ony maner of geir, fray ony men of weir, of quhat natioun that euer tha be, nor yit pas vpoun burd on ony schip, schipis, or prysis, without speciale licence of the bailzeis and counsale askit and obtenit thairto, vnder the pane of tinsale of thair fredome, and all takis and rowmes, and all wther maner of proffietis tha haue of the toun, of thame that ar fremen, and bannesing thaim the towne that ar vnfremen, without ony excuse or request to be hard in the contrar, and this to indur during the townis vill.

The said day, it is statut and ordinit be the haill townn, convenit in thair tolbuyth as said is, &c., for the commond veill of this guid towne, and preseruing and keiping of the same fra the contagius pest now laitly brokin oup and ringand in certane partis of this realme, sa far as the craft and ingine of man ma do, referrand the laif to the Eternale God, keipar of all, &c.: that ther remane tua men daylie at the boll brig, keipand the same, thairof ane to remane continualy thairat, and the wther of thame to cum and aduerteis the bailzeis quhen ony strangear cumis or he get enteres in the townn; and at na maner of persoun of Edinburght, Leyth, Dunde, nor na wther suspect place, be ressauit without sufficient testimoniale presentit to ane of the bailzeis at the lest, and admitt be thame; and gif ony personis of the said townis or places, of quhat degre that euer tha be, hapnis to cum without testimoniale, that tha be nocht ressauit in na sort without licence of the bailzeis and ane part of counsale obtenit thairto; and als ane man to keip the Gallowgait port, and ane wther the Thewis port, and at Futeist port and the Trinite port be lokit and keipit close; and als that all oppin passagis, yardis, and wther places quhair ony enteres may be had, be closit and bigit oup be the avnaris thairof that ar propir, and be the denis of gild that ar commond, with all diligence; and that euery nichtbour and induellar the said burgh keip, or ellis cause keip be ane sufficient seruand, the said boll brig, Gallowgait and Futeis portis, thair tyme about as it fallis to thame, and as tha be varnit nychtly thairto be the officiaris; and quhay that beis varnit and cumis nocht himself, nor sendis nocht ane sufficient seruand

thairto in dew tyme, the officiar of that quarter quhair he duellis to fee ane sufficient man in his place, and gif him xij d. in the day thairfor, and the persoun that sould haue kepit the said brig or port to pay the same agane; and the officiar to pund therfor als oft as neid beis; and all the portis of the townn to be closit and lokit nychtly at viij houris at evin, and remain fast quhile vj houris in the morning, that the keiparis thairof enter thairto; and that na nychtbouris duelland without the portis of the said burgh ressaue, houise, nor herbir, na maner of strangear, pure nor riche, in thair houissis without speciale licence of ane of the bailzeis for the tyme, askit and obtenit thairto, vnder the pane of tinsale of thair fredome that ar fre, and bannesing tham the towne that ar vnfre; and als that the induellaris in Futy, ilk ane of thame thair tyme about, vait one the havin and keip that na maner of personis that hapnis to cum out of south partis in ony schipis, crayaris, or botis cum vpon land on ony part of the fredome of this burgh without speciale licence of the bailzeis and counsale, vnder the pane of confiscatioun, and eschaeting of thair schip and haill guidis beyng in the same for the tym; and that the said keipar aduerteis euery crayar, schip, or boat, of the said statut and pane, at thair heir cuming, with intimatioun as efferis; and at na maner of persoun in this towne nor Futy ressaue, houise, nor herbre, ony sic personis cumand in sic schipis, crayaris, or botis, vnder the pane of tinsale of thair fredome, takis, rowmes, and all wther proffettis tha haue of the towne, that ar fre, and bannesing thame the towne that ar vnfre, without ony excuse or request to be hard in the contrar; and this statut to indur during the townes will. 13th Sept., 1546.

2d October, 1546.

The said day, the haill tovnn beyng varnit, &c., chesit Gilbert Fraser, Robert Cullane, Thomas Scherar, Johnne Baine, Robert Arthour, Andro Murdo, and Alexr. Jaffray, taxtaris, to taxt and stent the sowme of tua hundreth pundis Scottis mone one the nychtbouris and inhabitantis of this burgh, to be pait incontinent to the gouernour, for the saidis townis licence to remaine at hayme fray this quartar of the sege of Sanctandrowis, conforme to the thesaureris writing of licence tharfor direct thairupoun, quhilk personis accepit the said mater vpon thame, and ar sorn the grit ayth tharto, to taxt the same lelile and treuly, but feid or fauour of ony personis, efter the faculte of the inhabitantis of the said burgh, &c. Of the quhilk the tennour followis:

2d October, 1546.

Traist freindis, efter hartlie commendatioun, ye sall witt that we ressauit your writing fra your nychtbour, William Rolland, berar heirof, and hes tain consideracioun off the cummeris ye haue, and schawin the samyn to my lord gouernour at lyntht, and at your plesour at this tyme, that ye may remaine at haym fra this armye and assige heir off Sanct Androwis, hes ordanit him bring incontinent, or send heir, for you and your towne of Aberdene, the sowme of twa hundreth pundis, quhilk being pait fra hand, as we haue schavin to this berar, ye sall incure na danger, nor be callit nor accusit fray biding fra the said assige; wtherwaise, gyff ye do nocht, that ye cum heir yourselffis, conform to the proclamatioun past thairwpoun, as farder the berar will declair, and God keip yow. At Sanctandrois, this last day of September.

8th October, 1546.

The said day, it is statut and ordinit be the bailzeis and counsale that na maner of botis nor crayaris that hapnis to cum out of the south partis, be ressauit within this havin during the tyme of the pest, now ringand in certane partis of this realme, and at na maner of persoun, freman nor vnfreman, duelland in this toune nor Futy, ressaue, houise, nor herbre, nor sell ony metis nor drinkis to sic personis, without speciale licence of the bailzeis and ane part of the consale, had and obtenit thairto, vnder the pane of tinsale of their fredome that ar fre, and bannesing thame the towne that ar vnfrie.

11*th October*, 1546.

The said day, the bailzeis and counsale present for the tyme, with avise of the nychtbouris present for the tyme, decernit and ordinit that Sanct Nicholace braid siluer be given to the sustentatioun of the seik folkis of the pest, during the tyme thairof, and the townis will; and als ordinit Andro Losoun to gif the braid siluer he gat one Sonday last was, to be distribuit to the seik folkis; and als consentit, all in ane voce, that the rest of the last taxt siluer aboun the ij^{c} vj lib. xiij s. iiij d., quhilk is ellis pait for the same, and bering and deliuering thairof, be takin and gevin to the sustentatioun of the said seik folkis, and Robert Cullane deliuerit instantly xxxii thairof to John Bruise, officiar, to the effect forsaid.

The said day, the bailzeis grantit that thay had ressauit fray Robert

Cullane the sowme of ij^{c} lib. for the principall taxt of the sage of Sanct-androwis, togidder with vj lib. xiij s. iiij d. gevin to Maister Robert Lummisdane, for the bering thairof to Sanct Androwis, and deliuering of the same, quhilk the said Maister Robert grantit him ressauit, and oblegit him to report ane sufficient acquittance to the said towne of the said ij^{c} lib., for the causis forsaid, or ellis the said mone agane to thame. 11th October, 1546.

25th October, 1546.

The said day, it is statut and ordinit be the bailzeis and counsale present for the tyme, all in ane voce, that the officiaris pas with diligence and requyr all thame that hes nocht pait thair pairt of the last taxt, as tha war taxt for the townis licence to remaine at hayme fra the sege of Sanctandrouis, to pay the same, and specially thir personis, Andro Lesly, Martyne Hoveson, &c., burgessis of the said burgh; and gif tha, or ony of thame, refusis to pay the same, that tha varne the refusaris to ane day afor the bailzeis and counsale, to heir and see thame that hes ony takis of the towne decernit to haue tint thair takis tha haue of the said towne, and tha that hes na takis, to heir and see tham decernit to haue tint thair fredome of the said burgh, with intimatioun that quhidder tha compeir or nocht the dais tha happin to be varnit to, the bailzeis and counsale will proceid and decerne conforme to thir said statut; and forder ordinit the said statut to be keipit and obseruit vpoun paiment of all taxtis that hapnis to cum on the said towne in tyme cumyng.

The said day, Maister Robert Lummisdan presentit and deliuerit in iugment ane discharge of our souerane lady the quenis grace, with consent of my lord gouernour, vnder hir graces signet and my lord gouernouris subscriptioun, of the dait the tent day of October, the yeir of God ane thousand five hundreth fourty sax yeriis, and of hir regne the ferd yeir, to the towne, for thair remaning at hame fra the sege of Sanct Androwis, the thrid quartar of the northland, ordinit to haue conuenit at Sanct Androwis the ferd day of October instant, because he had deliuerit, in the said tovnis name, the sowme of tua hundreth lib. Scottis mone to our souerane ladyis thesaurar therfor, and als ane acquittance to the said thesaurar, vnder his signet and subscriptioun manuale, of the dait at Sanct Androvis, the xv day of October, the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} xlvi yeris, grauntand him to haue ressauit the said sovme fray the said Mr. Robert, in

25th October, 1546. name and behalf of the said towne; quhilk discharge and acquittance the bailzeis and counsale admit to be put in the chartour kist.

We, Johnne, bischop of Dunkeld, &c., thesaurer to our souerane lady the quenis grace, grantis ws to haue resauit fra Maister Robert Lumisdane, in name and behalf of the prowest, baillies, counsale, and communite of the burght of Abirdene, the sowm of tua hundreth poundis Scottis, in full contentacioun and compleyt payment for thair compositioun to remain at hame and abyd fray the oist and armye ordinit presentlie to cum to the assegeing of the castell of Sanct Androwis, the ferd day of October instant; of the quhilk sowm, for the cause aboun exprimit, we hald ws weill content and pait; and in our souerane ladyis name, and all vtheris quhome it efferis, dischargeis thame and euerith ane of thame, at this tyme, for the samin, be this wryt, subscriwit with our hand, at Sanct Androwis, the xv day of October, the yeir of God m. v^c fourty sax yeris.

J. Dunkeld, Thesaurarius.

17*th December*, 1546.

The said day, the counsale present for the tyme decernit and ordinit Dauid Spilyelaucht, quhilk brak command ordinance and statutis, in non schaving the bailzeis the seiknes of his barne, quhilk was seik in the pest, in dew tyme, conforme to the statut and ordinance maid thairwpoun, to be brint on the left hand with ane het irne. And forder statutis and ordinis of new agane, that gif he or ony nichtbour, induellar in this burgh, concelis sic thingis in tymes cumyng, and cumis nocht incontinent efter that ony maner of person, young or auld, hapnis to be seik in thair housse, quhat kind of seiknes that euer it be, to ane of the bailzes of the said burgh, and reuele and schaw the same to ane of the said bailzeis, that the concelaris thairof be puneist to the deid, man or woman, quhat euer tha be, without ony request to be hard in the contrar.

3*d February*, 1547.

The said day, the haill toune beyng varnit, &c., grantit and promittit to gif William Lord Forbes ane tounn of wyne yeirlie, Pasche and Lammes, for keiping of thair watteris and fischingis of Done and Dee, with thair pertinence, in raid tyme fra all maner of nettis, cobillis, wawsperis, heryvalteris, and all wther instrumentis, fra the natiuite of our Ladye

yeirlie to the fest of Sanct Androw, he causand keip the same at his vter power; and gif he failis thairintill, he to haue na paiment of the said wyne. And ordinit ane band to be maid to his lordschip heirwpon, vnder thair commond seill, and ordinit the keiparis thairof to seill the said band thairwith, thai gettand his lordschipis band agane vnder his seill and hand writ, to keip the said vatteris and fischingis lelilie and treulie during the said tyme, at his vter povar, as said is, and vder wais nocht; quhilk band George Meldrum of Five, knicht, and John Lesly of Bolquhane, resauit this day in the said lordis name, selit with the commond seill, and promittit faythfullie to deliuer the said townn the said lordis band heirupoun, vnder his seall and hand writ, within viij dais, or ellis thair avin band agane within the said terme. 3d February, 1547.

13*th April*, 1547.

Licentia et acquittancia hic inserte deberent postea inseri in mense Julii quamuis ob loci penuria hoc inseruntur.

Regina. We, with avise, consent, and auctorite of our derrest cousing and tutour, James Erll of Arrane, Lord Hamyltoun, &c., protectour and gouernour of our realme, for diuerse ressonabill caussis and consideratioun moving him thairto, be the tenour heirof, grantis and gevis licence to our louittis the baillies, counsall, and communite of our burgh of Aberdene, to remane and byd at hame fra ony ost, raid, and army dewisit to convene at Peblis, the tent day of Julij nixt to cum, and fra thyne to pas fordwart to our bordouris of our realme, for assegeing and recovering of the castell of Langholme furth of our auld innemeis handis, and for stuncheing and repressing of commoun thewis and tratouris of Esdaill, Ewisdaill, Lidderdaill, and Annanderdaill; and vill and grantis that the saidis baillies, consall, and communite, nor nane of thame, sall nocht incur ony skayth or danger thairthrow in thair personis, landis, or gudis, nor sall nocht be callit nor accusit thairfor, criminalie nor ciuilie, be ony maner of way in tyme cuming, nochtwitstanding ony actis, statutis, ordinances, letteris, proclamationis, chargeis, or dischargeis maid or to be maid in the contrar, and panis contenit thairin. Anent the quhilkis we dispence with the saidis baillies, counsall, and communite, and ilkan of thame, be thir our letteris, gevin vnder our signet, and subscriuit be our said gouernour, at Linlichgow, the aucht day of Julij, and of our regnne the fyft yeir. James.

13th April, 1547.

I, Maister James Forester, clerk of our souerane ladyis thesawrarie, grantis me to haf resauit fra the handis of Johne Kelso, in name and behalf of the prowest, baillies, counsall, and communite of the burgh of Abirdene, the sowme of twa hundreth poundis, and that for the licence grantit to the saidis prowest, baillies, counsall, and communitie to remaine and byd at hame fra the oist and army ordanit to convein at Peblis with my lord governour, the tent day of Julij instant, of the quhilk sowme of tua hundreth poundis I hald me weill content aud payit, quitclamis and dischargeis the said provest, baillies, caunsall, and communite, and all vtheris quhome it efferis, for now and euer, be this my present discharge, subscryuit with my hand, at Edinburgh, the xi day of July, the yeir of God m° v^c xlvii yeiris, befor thir witnes, John Young, burgis in Edinburgh, Alexr. Guthre, and James Allane, with vtheris diuerse.

I, Maister James Forstar, with my hand.

18*th April*, 1547.

The said day, William Rolland elder, in name of himself and Alexr. Knowis, and thair complices, presentit in iugment to the bailzeis ane supplicatioun of Patrik Erle Boithiuele, Lord Halis, Creichtoun, and Liddisdale, and grit admirale of Scotland, direct to the prouest and bailzeis of the said burgh, to call certane vitnes duelland in the said burgh afor thame, and examine thame be thair aythis in ane cause depending, afor the said admirale and his deputis, betuix the said William Rolland, Alexr. Knowis, and thair complices, and Maister Robert Lummisdan, Maister James Torre, Welleame Quhit, and thair complices, vpoun the contentis of the precept rasit be the said William and his complices aganis the said Maister Robert and his complices forsaid, lyk as in the said supplicatioun at mair lynth is contenit; quhilk supplicatioun the said bailzeis ressauit, and the same being red in iugment, tha ordinit the said Wm. and his complices to cause varne the vitnes tha vald produce in the said mater to Friday nixt cumis, to testife in the same; and als to cause warne thair party to the said day to heir the said vitnes ressauit, admittit, and sorne, or thane to schaw ane ressonabill cause quhy, with intimatioun as efferis.

The said day, it is deuisit and ordinit be the counsale that tha pas with thair curat and chaplane of Sanct Michaelis altar of the said burgh to the said altar one Sonday nixt cumis, and consider the vestmentis and orna-

mentis thairof, and quhat it wantis necessar thairto tha ordand the same to be maid thairto one the townis expensis. 18th April, 1547.

The said day, it is deuisit and ordinit be the bailzeis and counsale, for keiping of the glassin vindokis of thair kirk, and the sklatis of thair luge, that quhatsumeuer personis, yovng men, seruandis, barnis, or craftismen, brakis ony of the said vyndokis of the kirk or queir, or sclatis, that thair faderis or maisteris sall ansuer therfor, and reforme and mend the same agane on thair avin expensis; on the quhilk Dauid Andersoun, maister of the kirk wark, tuik act of court.

30*th April*, 1547.

The said day, in the terme assignit to the priour and conuent of the freris predicatouris of Abirdene to produce and exhibeit perempturlie thair rychtis, gif tha ony had, quhy tha suld nocht cause bring the cornis that growis on thar croftis, lyand on the north est syid of the said burgh, to the townis millis, within the said burgh, and grind the same thairat, and pay thair multuris and wther dwiteis thairfor as wther nichtbouris within the said burgh dvis, conforme to the townis auld statutis maid thairupoun, the said freris comperand be freir John Myln and freir John Blak, in thair names, and John Brabaner, takisman of the said millis, comperand for himself, to the effect forsaid, the saidis priour and conuent, nor nane wtheris in thair names, producit na thing, tha beyng oft tymes callit thairto, quherfor the said John Brabaner protestit solemplie, in presens of the said freir John Myln, and freir John Blak, that it suld stand thame for ane terme peremptour, and at tha suld haue [na] place to produce ony thing in tyme cuming in the said mater, for the causis forsaid; and the saidis freir John and freir John allegit thair priour was absent furth of the towne, and tha culd vse na defensis in his absence, and therfor protestit that quhat beis done this day in the said mater suld nocht preiuge nor hurt the said priour and conuent, nor thair rycht in the said mater, and for remeid of law aganis the same quhen tyme and place requyrit; on the quhilkis bayth the saidis partyis tuik actis of court and instruments; and thairefter the bailzeis chargit Sanderis King, officiar, in iugment, to requir the saidis freir John and freir John, in name of the said priour and conuent, quhilk he did instantly in iugment; and als to requir the said priour and conuent agane at thair place of the said burgh, to compeir this day xv dais, gif it be lauchtfull, and falze-

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ing thairof, the nixt lauchtfull day thairefter, in the houre of cause, to heir and se thame self decernit, be decreit of court simpliciter, to cause feche the cornis of thair said croftis to the tovnis forsaid millis, and grind the same thairat, and pay thair multuris and duyteis tharfor as wther nychtbouris pais, conforme to the statutis of the said burgh, with intimatioun as efferis.

13*th May*, 1547.

The said day, Maister Thomas Dauesoun, prolucutour for the freris predicatouris of the said burgh, gaif in this protestatioun efter following in writ: We, priour and conuent of the predicatouris of the freris of Abirdene, protestis before your w[ ], bailzeis of the same, that quhat beis done or is done bigane in the pretendit actioun and cause, movit and intendit be John Brabaner, burges of the said burgh, in name of the haile towne of Abirdene, aganis ws, tuching the multuris of the cornis that grew vpoun our croftis, of the terretour of the est part of the said burgh, preiuge nor hurt ws nocht, nor our place in rycht and priuilege, that is grantit and gevin to ws be the nobill and excellent princes of the realme, be vertew of the quhilkis it is lesum to ws to grind and multur our cornis, quharsoeuer tha grow, at the mill of Gilcamstoun, multur fre; in the quhilk priuilege and indult we and our predecessouris is and hes bene in vse and possessioun of, past all mannis memore levand, as is lauchtfully prescriuit in vsage therof, and therfor aucht and suld be the law be callit before the quenis grace and hir lordis of counsale, or thane be hir grace letteris and commissioun befor the schirref of the schire, or wtheris our iugis competent of the law, for cognitioun takin in the said mater, or we be put thairfra, and depriuit of our priulege; of the quhilk your m[ ] is nocht iugis competent thairto, as the actioun is intentit; and gif ye do in the contrar, for remeid of law, tyme and place, and protestit efter the forme of the same, on the quhilk he tuik act of court and instrument.

The said day, Maister Thomas Dauesoun, prolucatour for the said freris, allegit that the said John Brabaner had askit nathing in speciale in his clame, and therfor protestit that the said freris haue ane absoluitour of the said Johnis clame, on the quhilk he tuik instrument.

The said day, John Brabaner tuik act of court and instrument, that the

said freris, nor nane wtheris in thair names, producit, allegit, nor said na wther sayingis nor allegeance, nor wald nocht say nor allege na wther thing thane is afor proponit and allegit this day. 13th May 1547.

23*d May*, 1547.

The said day, the court vardit and schew for law, that the priour and conuent of the freris predicatouris besyid the burghe of Abirdene, hes producit nor shavin nathing in the terme assignit to thame perempturlie of thair avin desir be the bailzeis of the said burgh, to exhibit and produce afor the said bailzeis thair rychtis, gif tha ony had, quhy tha aucht nocht nor suld nocht cause feche thair cornis that grovis on thair croftis, lyand one the northt est terretour of the croftis of the said burgh, to the townis millis within the said burgh, and grind the same thairat, and pay thair multerris and wther duiteis thairfor, as wther nychtbouris pais, conforme to the said statutis of the guid towne maid thairwpoun, at the instance of John Brabaner, takisman of the saidis millis, desirand the same of the said freris. The said John, comperand personalie in iugment, desirand pronunciation heirwpoun, and the saidis priour and conuent beyng requirit at thair said place to compeir the said day, and als freir John Blak and freir Johne Auldcorne beyng requirit afor in iugment to compeir the said day, to hear and se the said pronunciation, with intimatioun as efferit, and nocht compeirand lauchtfull tyme of day biddin, the bailzeis forsaid decernit and ordinit the saidis priour and conuent, and thair successouris, to cause feche and bring the cornis that growis on that thair said croftis yeirlie, in tymes cumyng, to the said townis millis within burgh, and grind the same thairat, and pay thair multuris and duyteis therfor to the millaris thairof, in all tymes cumyng, as wther nychtbouris pais, conforme to the statutis of the guid towne maid thairwpoun, and that is gevin for dovme be the mouth of James Pentland, dempster of the court for the tyme, and condampnit the said freris in the expensis of the court, to be taxt be thame efteruart, on the quhilk the said John Brabaner tuik act of court and instrument.

1*st July*, 1547.

The said day, the haill towne, beyng varnit, &c., chesit Andro Menzeis, Dauid Mar, James Allerdes, Maister James Torre, and Robert Arthour, taxtaris to taxt and stent the sowme of tua hundreth pundis Scottis mone of the nychtbouris, fremen, and inhabitantis of the said burgh, to be takin

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oup and payit incontinent to my lord gouernour and his grace factouris, for the said townis licence to remain at hayme fray this hoist and raid of Langhope, conforme to the townis licence to be gottin thairupoun, quhilk personsis accepit the said mater on thame, and ar sorne the grit aythis to taxt and stent the same lelile and treuly, but feid or fauour of ony personis, as tha vald ansuer to God thairupoun, vpon the fremen and inhabitantis of the said burgh for the causis forsaid.

6th July, 1547.

The said day, the bailzeis decernit Maister James Torre to haue paiment of xxx s. Scottis mone of Wille Duncane, within xx dais, quhilk he pait this day for the said Willeamis taxt of the raid of Langop, in the said Willeamis absence, and [gif] he pais nocht the same to the said Maister James within the said terme, the bailzies and counsale decernis the said William to haue tint his fredome; and ordinis that he joise nor vse nocht na priuilege of the said burgh frathatfurth, quhill he compone of new agane for his fredome, and assignis the haill proffeit tharof to the said Maister James, for the causis forsaid.

22d August, 1547.

The said day, the haill townn beyng varnit, &c., consentit that the haill artailzerie, with the pulder and bullatis of the Franche schip now beand within the havin of Abirdene, the skipar thairof callit [ ], be tane out and vsit for defence of this guid towne aganes our ennimeis of Ingland and Holland, and oblegit thame, all in ane voce, as said is, ilk ane for thair avin pairt efferand to thair estatis, to scot and lot for the same and releif thairof, as neid beis, quhen and quhair it sall happin the same to be persevit.

29th August, 1547.

The said day, the haill townn beyng varnit, &c., consentit and war content that Alexr. Ruderfurd and Dauid Andersoun, bailzeis, remainit at hayme fra this present oist and army of Follamwir, for giding and rewling of this guid towne, for defending the same bayth fray our auld ennimeis of Ingland and lymmaris of this realme, and wther guid causis moving tham for the tyme; and oblegit thame that the said Alexr. and Dauid suld incur na skayth throw thair remaining at hayme, tha fursefand and sendand furth

thair eldest sonnis with the laif of the towne. And gif the said Alexr. and Dauid hapnis to be put at therfor, the haill towne, conuenit as said is, oblegit thame to be part takaris of thair skaythis therfor, and to scot and lot, part [and] part lik, for thair releif, for the causis forsaid. 29th August, 1547.

31st August, 1547.

The said day, the bailzeis and counsale, present for the tyme, consentit and war content that Androw Buk, Alexr. Ratray, Gilbert Tulidef, James Collisoun, Andro Durty, Gibbe Menzeis, William Garreaucht, and Jerome Blak, remanit at hayme fray this instant oist and army of Fallomwir, for defence of this guid towne, bayth fray our auld ennimies of Ingland and lymmaris of this cuntra, and oblegit thame to do that was in thame, and in thair powar and labouris, to keip tham skaythles for thair said remaining, and gif neid war to tak part with thame thairintill.

9th September, 1547.

The said day, the haill toune that ar remanit presentlie at hame fra this oist, beand varnit opinlie be hand bell to compeir this day, to awyse, consult, assist, and concur, with the ballies, for the defens of this guid toune and ordinans of the same, and vder bissenes concerning the commond weill of the same, and thai beand conuenit for the maist pairt, oblegit thame, all in ane voce, in name and behalf of the haill toune, bayth absent and present, to pay and recompans the laird of Drummis falconne with hir graith, in cace the said pece happin be chance to be tane be Inglismen (as God forbeid), or beis broken, tynt, or spilt, and to releif Thomas Menzes thairof and the baillies, and siclik of all vder artilzerie, pulder, and munitionis, that thai sall happin to get or borrow for defens of the toune and commond weill of the samen. And siclik oblegit thame to pay Alexr. Ruthyrfurd and Dauid Andersoun, ballies, the expensis mayd and to be maid be thame in bigging of the bastailze for defens of the toune, and ordanis the auditouris of the townis comptis to allow the same to thame. And thaireftyr the ballies presentit ane writing to the toune that is laitlie cumin out of Striuelyng fra the nychtbouris of this toune that past to the oist, and eftir the tennour thairof thai chargit all the saidis nychtbouris that war present to remane still within the toune, for defens of the samen, vnder the pane of tynsell of thair fredomes, and geir, and gudis; and ordanit the officiaris to pas to the mercat croce, and thair, be oppin proclamatioun, charge all maner of fremen and burgis

9th Sept., 1547. man, beand absent of the toune and nocht past fordward to the army, to compeir and mak residens in the toune, for defens of the same, within xxiiij houris, vnder the paine forsaid.

7th October, 1547.

The said day, the haill brether of gild, conuenit as said is, deuisis and ordinis tua barrellis of poulder to be bocht on the townis expensis, for the defense of this guid towne aganis our auld ennimeis of Ingland in thir troublouse tyme of weir, and ordinis the auditouris of the townis comptis to find and prouid mone, quhairwith the same salbe bocht, with all diligence; and als ordinis Andro Buk and Alexr. Ratray to haue the care, giding, and keiping of the townis artailzerie and poulder to the towne, and to mak compt of the saidis artailzerie and poulder to the towne, and ordinis thame to haue thair ressonabill feis and vageis of the tovnn thairfor during the said tyme of weir, induring the tovnis vill.

8th October, 1547.

The said day, the prouest and bailzeis dischargit all thair feallis within thair queir of all feis tha haue of the tovne during the tovnis vill, and ordinit thair denis of gild that tha pay nane of tham ony fee in tyme cumyng quhill tha gif tham new command thairto agane.

20th December, 1547.

The said day, the haill tovnn and inhabitaris thairof, bayth fre and vnfre, beyng varnit be the officiaris, &c., consentit that thair be writingis send to the quenis grace and gouernour, schavand how our auld ennimeis of Ingland hes inuadit the tovnn and burgh of Dunde, and hes causit thame decline fra the quenis grace authorite to thairis, and at tha ar inlikmaner to invaid our said burgh of Abirdene within tyme vncertane to ws, as the tovne is suirlie informit; therfor desirand thair counsale and suple how the tovnn sall vse thame in thair behalffis, and to borrow certane poulder fra the gouernour to the defence of the said tovnn, with promeis to rander the same agane to his grace how soun schipis ma guidlie travell; and als to desir the quenis grace letteris, direct to the inhabitantis of the haill schire of Abirdene, to be in radines, bodin in feir of veir, and to cum in to the said tovnn of Abirdene within xxiiij houris nixt efter thair charge, for suport of the same, vnder the pane of tinsale of lif, landis, and gudis, with powar to the schiref of

Abirdene, and his deputis and schireffis in that part, to charge them thairto, and confisk thair gudis, gif thai faill thairintill, to the quenis grace vtilite; and ordinit ane scharpe man to convoye the said writingis; quhilkis deuisit Snavdown Hariot to convoy the same, and to report ansuer thairof, and to haue for his lawbouris twenty merkis; and als the said haill townn, conuenit as said is, consentit and grantit that the townis haile takis, baith of watteris and landis, be set and prolongat to the takismen thairof for tene yeris nixt and immediat follovand the ische and outrunin of thair last generale assedatioun, viz., for xvj yeris nixt followand the vigill of Sanct Androw last bypast, tha and euery ane of tham payand dowbill gressummes thairfor incontinent to the tovnis vtilite and commond veill, for the furnesing of poulder, bullatis, and municioun, and wageouris, for defens of this guid towne aganis our auld ennemeis of Ingland, now maist cruelly inuadand this realme, and purposit schortlie, within tyme incertaine, to inuaid this burgh, as thai ar suirlie aduertest; and ordinis ane commissioun to be maid to the tovnis commissaris for setting of the same, vnder the townis commond seill, to thair said takismen, thair airis and assignais, malis, burgessis, and actuale induellaris the said burgh, and to nane wtheris, during the tyme forsaid, for the causis aboun writin, and ordinis the keiparis of thair commond seill to seill the same thairwith; and alsuay consentis and grantis all in ane voce, as said is, that thair be ane generale taxt stentit and rasit vpoun all and sindry the inhabitaris of the said burgh, bayth fre and vnfre, efter thair pischane and power, for support to the furnesing of the premisses; and taxtaris to be sorne to taxt and stent the same efter thair sawllis and conscience; and als ordinis that thair be oppin proclamationis maid at the mercat corce of the said burgh, chargeand all maner of fremen of this burgh that presentlie duellis without the same to cum incontinent with all diligence within thre dais nixt efter thair charge, and mak continuall residence within the said burgh, with thair houshaldis, for fulfilling and keiping of the premisses, vnder the panis of tinsale of thair takis, samony as hes takis of the tovnn, and tinsale of thair fredome that hes na takis; and als that euery nychtbour that hes ony takis of the guid tovnn, other of watteris or landis, that thay pay thair malis avand of all termes bygane within thre dais, and als termelie in tyme cumyng, conforme to thair assedationis, vnder the pane of tinsale of thair takis; and quhasumeuer dois in the contrar, that it salbe lesum to the townn to dispone on thair takis to the tovnis vtilite and proffeit,

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without ony request to be hard in the contrar: on the quhilkis Thomas Menzeis, prouest for the tyme, tuik act and instrument, afor thir vitnes, Dauid Kintor, Maister Thomas Fynne, James Pentland, and Maister John Kennedy, notar publik, with wther diuerse.

9th April, 1548.

The said day, the haill tovnn beyng convenit in thair heid court, all in ane voce grantit and gaif the keiping of thair blokhouise to Gilbert Menzeis, sone and apperand air to Thomas Menzeis of Petfoddellis, quhilk accepit the same on him, and oblegit him to keip the same lelilie and treulie, the tovnn gevand him seruandis and expensis to thame to vait thairupoun, and for himself he desirit nor vald haue na thing, bot as the tovnn efteruart plesit revard him, and nemmit Andro Buk, Thomas Cristale, Alexr. Ratray, Gibbe Menzeis, and Andro Durty, quhilk the tovnn admittit; and the counsale ordinit euery ane of the said five personis to haue iiij lib. in the moneth, during the tovnis vill, and thai to wait and keip the said blokhouise bayth day and nycht, as the said Gilbert commandis thame; and ordinit Walter Cullane and Andro Losoun, ressaueris of the tovnis doubill gressummis, to deliuer the said Gilbert tuenty lib. monethly, to be distribuit to the said personis, during the tovnis vill, for thair vagis, and to begyne paiment thairof incontinent.

13th April, 1548.

The said day, the haill brethir of gild, beyng conuenit for the maist pairt in thair gild court, consentit, deuisit, and ordinit, all in ane voce, na maner of persoun opponand nor sayand in the contrar, for defens of this guid tovnn agains our auld ennimeis, now maist cruelly inuadand this realme, and makand residens in sindry partis thairof, and in purpos haistly to inuaid this guid townn, and the same is suirly aduertest, and therfor for resistance of thame, that na maner of persoun within this burgh, freman nor vnfreman, saill out of the same to na wther partis, for na maner of besines, nor yit pas furth of the townn to landuard to remain quhill Lammes nixt cumis, and forder during the tovnis will, vnder the paine of tinsale of thair fredome and confiscatioun of thair haill landis, takis, and guidis within the said town, to the tovnis vse. And at na maner of persoun haue povar to gif ony licence to ony inhabitant of the said burgh to pas furth of the same

for ony maner of besines, except Thomas Menzies prouest, and gif he gevis ony sic licence he sall ansuer to the towne therfor, conforme to the paine abounwrittin, efferand to the personis landis and gudis he hapnis to gif licence to, gif he ony gevis. Item, that all maner of fremen of this burgh now duelland to landuard come to the towne with thair viffis, barnis, and houshaldis, within viij dais nixt heirefter, and frathinfurth mak continuale residence thairintill, and scot, lot, walk, and ward with thair nychtbouris, during the tyme forsaid, vnder the panis aboun writin; and ordinit opin proclamation to be maid heirof at the mercat croce of the said burgh, with intimatioun of the same to all personis as efferis. 13th April, 1548.

16*th April*, 1548.

The said day, it is deuisit and ordinit be the counsale present for the tyme, for defence of this guid townn aganis our auld ennimeis of Ingland, that the maister gunnar of John Hwmis schip, callit Maister John Maistertoun, and Dauid Colweill, now beand within this havin, be conducit to serue the toune for ane moneth to cum, and ordinit Andro Losoun to compone with them thairfor, and als as he appoyntis with tham to pay the same of the townis doubill gressumes, and quhat he pais to tham tha ordand the same to be alovit to the said Andro in his comptis thairof.

Item, tha ordand the said Andro to gif the Duchman, thair gunnar, fourty s. to by him ane garmond, and ordinis the same to be alovit to the said Andro in his comptis.

Item, the consale ordinis Thomas Cristale to haue iiij lib. in the moneth, with his houis maill fre, and als Andro Buk to haue iiij in the moneth, with his houise maill fre, during the space of thre moneth to cum, for thair guid and trew seruice to be done be thame as gunnaris, for defence of the guid tovnn, and wther besines concerning the same, during the said thre moneth, and conducit thame, to the effect forsaid, for the said vagis, during the said thre moneth.

Item, the counsale accepit Thomas Menzeis, prouest, in the place of Gilbert Menzeis his sone, to the preparatioun and conseruation of the blokhouse, to the said Gilbertis returning agane fra Edinburgh, quhair he is now instantly purposit to pas.

20th April, 1548.

20*th April*, 1548.

The said day, the counsale assignit and gif the xii merkis Scottis promettit for Andro Huntaris fremanschip, to Maister Patre Ruderfurd and John Losoun, thair lordis of Bonaccord of this instant yeir, and ordanit thame to be thankfully obeit of the same, to help to mak thair expensis in the said office.

18*th May*, 1548.

The said day, the prouest, bailzeis, and counsale, present for the tyme, ordinit Alexr. Ruderfurd to deliuer to the men of weir, in part paiment of thair secund monethis wagis, ane hundreth and v lib. vij s. viij d. of the mone he resauit fra channownes, and ordinit the same to be alouit to him in his nixt comptis thairof.

22*d May*, 1548.

The said day, Robert Hovesoun, valcar, is conuikit be the sorne assise aboun writin for the spilling of the townis knok of thair tolbuyth, and als for the strublance of the guid tovnn, in making of insurrectioun, with certane craftismen, aganis the burgessis of the said tovnn, and thar feit men of weir. And als [ ] Hervy is conuikit be the said sorne assise for the saying of inpertinat langege on the men of guid of the tovnn, and of thair feit men of weir and capitane, quherfor ilk ane of thame is in ane amerciament of the court to forber in tym to cum, and mend as law vill, and that is gevin for dovm; and the said Hovesoun is ordinit to reforme and mend the said knok, be the sycht of craftismen, sa far as he hes skaythit her in ony sort; and for the offence done be him and Hervy to the towne, the assise ordinis thame bayth to cum on Sonday cum viij dais, and gang sark alane, bar fuit, and bair leg, afor the processioun, with ane candill of vax of ane lib. weycht in thair handis, ilkane of thame, and thairefter to ask the prouest and bailzeis forgiffens one thair kneis, in the tovnis name; and gif euer ony of thame committis ony siclike faltis in tymes cumyng, to be brint one the cheik, and bannest the towne, during the tovnis vill; and ather of thame ordinit to sett cautioun heirfor or tha depairt of the tolbuth.

28*th May*, 1548.

My lord prouest and bailzeis of this guid tovnn of Abirdene, vnto your m[ ], humelie menis and complanis John Cristesoun, litster, vpoun my

sone of law, Andro Chalmer: That quhair I depairtit of this realme in my lesum besines, in the moneth of Marche or tharby, in the yeir of God ane m° v^c xlij yeris, and left the said Andro as my seruand in my house to mentene and keip my dochtir, his vif, my vif, my houise, geir, and guidis, to my returning agane in Scotland. Nochtheless the said Andro, sin my depairting, in the yeir of God ane m° v^c xliij yeris, xliiij, xlv, xlvj, and xlvij yeiris respectiue, hes intrometit, disponit, and avay takin, distroyit, delapidat, and withhaldin the writingis, euidentis, geir, guidis, and varklummis vnder writin, pertening to me as my avin propir gudis, and beyng in my possessioun within my said house the tym of my departing forsaid: that is to say, the said Andro hes intrometit with ane Franche gardewiat, worth thre pundis, full of my writingis and euidentis, sic as acquittances, contractis, obligationis, comptis, buikis, actis, absolutionis, reuersionis, chartis, instruments, and euidentis of my landis and tenement forsaid, and wtheris small necessar writingis and documentis concerning me, extending in valour to me, be iust estimatioun, to the some of foir hundreth merkis; item, ane comptour, the price, xl s.; item, out of my varkhouse, ane litfat, girthit with jrne, the price v lib.; item, thre dosoun of Heland sparris, the price of the dosoun, xviij s.; item, ane colraik of irne, the price, x s.; item, perkis and perk treis, xxx s.; item, colour staffis and luyttis, price viij s.; with certane wther varklummes, sic as spowttis, spowtheouris, and cruikis, worth xxx s.; item, ane grit burd of aik, of xxx feit of lynth, and thre quarteris of breid, the price, xl s.; item, iij^xx pece of sawin tymmer, for sattis, price, vj lib.; item, thre meill girnalis, out of my loft, price, xxx s.; item, vij platis of twne, price, xxij s.; item, tua grit pottis, the price, v lib.; item, iij quartis of twne, the price, xviij s.; item, tua poyntis of twne, the price, viij s.; item, tua siluer spvnis, the price, ij merkis; item, viij barrell of ass, the price of the barrell, xxxij s.; item, xviij keling barrellis, the price, xl s.; item, iij dosoun of Suadin and foran burdis, the price, xxxvj s.; item, ane zetling, the price, v lib.; item, iiij Denishe aixkis, the price, ij merkis; item, tua buklar suerdis, with buklaris, price, xl s.; item, ane halflang swerd, price, xl s.; ane speir, v s.; item, tua pair of horse pleuchis, with irnis, and all graitht concerning thairto, price, xx s.; item, ane siluer croce, the price, ij merkis; item, ane pair of ballandis of brass, price, xiij s. iiij d.; item, ane brew fat, with iiij standis, xij s.; item, viij ass barrell treis, price, viij s.; item, vj grit canvessis coueringis to fattis, price, xxiiij s.; item, ane grit staik of vandis on the leid, x s.; item, ane burd of aik the

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clayth wes cutit out one, x s.; item, iij and half quartar of blankat yarne, price l s.; item, tua strenzouris, and iiij nettis, xvj s.; item, ij spaddis, vith heidis, iij but heidis, and iij schwlis, price, iiij s.; item, tua vemennis govnis, the price, x lib.; item, ane blak kirtile, the price, iiij lib.; item, ane grene kirtile, iiij lib.; item, ane doublit of blew clayth, xx s.; item, ane pair of blew hoise, xij s.; item, tua cottis of broun clayth, iij lib.; thre blankatis, iij merkis; item, tua pair of schetis, xx s.; item, the said Andro hes vsit, distroyit, and vorne ane wther litfat of myne, price xl s.; item, he hes vsit, distroyit, and vorne viij pair of lynning schettis, price, iiij lib.; item, he hes vsit and occupeit my inland and warkhouse, with my wark and lummes, and graytht yeirlie be the space of v yeiris last bypast, extending to maill yeirly to tene merkis; item, sic lik he hes occupeit my loft and forbuith of my forland induring the said space, extending yeirlie to xl s.; item, he hes cassin done, lattin fall, and distroyit iiij mwd houissis in my cloise and fald, and put away the cuppillis and tymmer of ane part of thir houssis, and the durris, vyndokis, insicht, and plenising of ane wther part of tham, the skayth therof iii^{xx} lib.; item, he hes brokin and distroyit the forwall of my varkhuise, extending the skayth to xl s.; item, his burd and his viffis, be the space of ane yeir, or my departing, xx lib; item, I left in my huise certane stuff, sic as meill, malt, beif, cheise, geyise, and my vif hes haldin him and his vif in burding thir v yeris last by past, extending to v^{xx} merkis; item, he hes intromettit with tua ky and ane yowng ox, vj lib.; item, he hes intrometit with iij lib. vj s. fray the Lady Essilmont, quhilk sche wes avand to me; and siclik with ane barrell of salmond fra Cannow Furd, quhilk he wes avand me, price iij lib.; item, ane grit kist of fyre, xx s.; item, ane sadle, price viij s.; item, sindry wther small geir and gudis, insicht, and plennising, sic as fedder bed, bouster, cod covering, burdclayth, towale, napry, veschell, and wther geir, as I sall specife in my articlis, price x lib. Quhilkis geir, gudis, writingis, and euidentis, aboun writin and specifeit, the said Andro vrangusly and aganis the law withhaldis the same fra me, and postponis and deferris to deliuer and restoir the same agane to me, &c.

15*th June*, 1548.

The said day, the prouest, bailzeis, and counsale ordinit thair feit vageouris to be vagit still and pait yit for ane moneth to cum, begynnand this instant day, and to haue thair vagis in hand, conforme to thair first conducing to that effect, that gif the towne beis chargit to pas furth to the

nixt hoist and raid, that the said vageouris sall pas for the towne, gif the same may be labourit for the towne, at the handis of the quene and gouernour; and how lang the said vageouris remainis, efter the said moneth, in the said tovnis seruice, tha ordinit thame to be recompansit and pait therfor, sa lang as thai remaine, according to thair first conducing and feying. 15th June, 1548.

17*th June*, 1548.

The said day, the counsale, present for the tyme, chesit Alexr. Ruderfurd and Dauid Andersoun, the townis collectouris and ressauris of the said townis instant taxt, of ane thousand lib. Scottis mone, ordinit to be taxit on this guid tovnn, for the defence of the same aganis our auld ennimeis of Ingland; and als ordinit the said ressaueris to ansuer and pay the tovnis severale gunnaris, viz., Maister John Maistertoun, Gilbert Menzeis, Alexr. Ratray, and Dauid Colwell, thair wagis frathinfurth, during the townis vill, of the said taxatioun siluer, and to tak thair acquittance thairwpoun, quhilk salbe alovit to thame in thair comptis thairof; quhilk Alexr. and Dauid accepit the said office one thame.

23*d June*, 1548.

The said day, the prouest, bailzeis, and counsale ordinit Androw Losoun, resauer of thair instant doubill grissummes, to pay thair gunnar, Hanse Gunnar, Duchman, tuelf pundis Scottis mone, for thre monethis wagis bigane, within xlviij houris, and ordinit the same to be alovit to him in his nixt comptis of the said grissummes.

The said day, the tovne, conuenit as said is, war contentt that the counsale limitt certane personis to saill now in the Danskein, and nane wtheris to saill bot tha that the counsale admittis and limittis, providing allwaise that tha tak sicker securite of all thame that salis for paiment of this present taxt, and all wtheris that hapnis to cum one the towne to thair returning, and for scotting, lotting, valking, and varding, as wther nychtbouris dois in the towne, of the quhilkis the namis followis, admittit be the counsale: that is to say, James Lesly, James Walcar, Gilbert Knowis, Andro Brabaner, Richart Vatsoun, Mawnis Murray, John Cargile, William Craufurd, Willeam Forbes, Dauid Vischart, Andro Huntar, and Wm. Vod. And thairefter the prouest, with express consent of the bailzeis and counsale, licent the personis to saill in Danskin at this tyme, and nane

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wtheris, providand allwaise that nane of thame saill, nor pass on schip burd to saill, vnto the tyme ilk ane of the said personis for thame self act ane sufficient burges man of the said burgh, in the townis court buikis, to ansuer for thair instant taxatioun, and all wtheris taxationis and chargis, walkis and wardis, in thair places respectiue, as tha war present thame selfis. And the bailzeis and counsale dischargis the said provest of the act for this part maid abefoir, tuching the personis to haue licence to saill furth of the realme, and dispensis with him thairwpoun be thir presentis.

13*th August*, 1548.

The said day, the haill tovnn beyng varnit, &c., consentit to ane taxatioun to be liftit, raisit, and ouptakin of the haill inhabitantis the said burgh and fredome thairof, for thair licence to remaine at hayme fra the oist and army laitly proclameit to be at Gladismuir, besyd Haddintoun, the xx day of this instant moneth of August, and chesit Walter Cullan, George Bissat, Alexr. Gray, Dauid Kintor, and Gilbert Brabaner, to taxt and stent the soume deuisit be the prouest, bailzeis, and counsale thairfor, and gevin to tham thairupoun, iustlie and treulie, on the inhabitantis the said burgh and fredome thairof, quhilkis personis accepit the said office one thame, and ar sorne the grit ayth therto in iugment.

22*d August*, 1548.

The said day, the haill tovnn beyng varnit, &c., it was deuisit and ordinit be thame, all in ane voce, that becaus the haill townn consentit to ane taxatioun, for licence to the tovnn to remane at hayme fray the army and oist, ordinit to haue conuenit on Glaudsmwir, besid Haddintoun, the xx day of August instant, quhilk compositioun wes maid for xii^{xx} lib. Scottis mune, and the same taxit and stentit on the inhabitantis of the said tovnn and fredome thairof, of thair avin consent, that tha will nocht pay thair pairt of the said taxatioun, as tha ar stentit with diligence, that the bailzeis pund and distrenze the rediest of thair guidis and geir, quhair euer tha may apprehend the same, and apprise and sell the same, four pennyis worth for ane d., and mak paiment of the said taxt; and at the said bailzeis sall nocht be indettit to ansuer nane of the said personis for the gudis and geir pundit, and apprisit, and sellit be thame for the causis forsaid, in maner aboun writin, in na tymes cuming.

15th October, 1548.

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The said day, the counsale, present for the tyme, ordinit ane puncioun of guid wyne to be frely proponit and gevin to Robert Carnegy and Maister Thomas Mariorebankis, one the tovnis expensis, and that for thair guid dedis and plesouris done to the guid towne in thair besines diuerse tymes bigane; and als ordinit that the prouest and bailzeis, with certane wther men of guid of the said tovnn, pas to tham and thank thame of thair guid dedis and plesouris forsaid, and offer thame sic humaniteis therfor as tha think expedient, and ordinit the said puntioun of wyne to be pait with the rediest of the tovnis mone that ma be gottin in.

2d January, 1549.

The said day, the haill tovnn beyng varnit to this day, &c., the said prouest presentit our souerane ladyis letteris, vnder hir signet, be deliuerance of the gouernour and lordis of counsale secreit, direct vpoun the burgh of new and auld Abirdene, for the furnesing of ane hundreth pyoniris, bayth men and vagis, for the space of ane moneth, for performing of the assege and trynchyng for the recouering and wynning of the fortht and castele of Bruchty, to enter the viij day of Januar instant, lik as in the said letteris of the dait at Stirveling the xxvj day of December, and of our souerane ladyis regne the viij yeir, direct thairupoun mair fullely is contenit; quhilkis lettiris beyng red opinly in iugment, the said prouest requirit the said tovnn, conuenit as said is, to devyise the rediest way to provid the said pyonaris and mone to furneise tham for this guid tovnis part therof, quhilk ansuerit and consentit to furneis iiij^{xx} pyoneris for this tovnis part of the nummer forsaid; and ordinit samony abill pyoneris as ma be apprehendit within the tovnn to be chosin and writin thairto; and quha beis writin and disobeis, to be bannest the tovnn; and as to the furnesing of thame, tha ordand the rest of thair last grit generale taxt to be tane oup incontinent to the furnesing thairof; and gif the same vill nocht extend sufficient thairto, tha consentit to ane new taxt to be stentit and rasit one the haill tovnn for the furnesing of the remanent therof, with all diligence, as efferis, and the remanent of the said pyonaris to be furnest be auld Abirdene, as tha vill ansuer thame self tharupoun.

17th January, 1549.

The said day, the tovnn beyng convenit in the gild court, all in ane voce,

17th January, 1549. na maner of persoun opponand nor sayand in the contrar, sett the office of the hand bell of the said burgh, with all proffetis, emolumentis, and accidentis pertening or that ma pertene thairto vse and vont, to Patrik Lesly, sone and air to vmquhile Walter Lesly, burges of the said burgh, for all the dais of his liftyme, now cumyng in thair handis throw deceise of the said Valter, last possessour thairof, quhilk had the said office of the said tovne of Abirdene, vnder thair commond seill, reservand allvaise all proffetis, emolumentis, and accidentis of the said office to Alexr. Menzeis elder, during all the dais of his liftyme, to be vsit, josit, and possedit be the said Patrik and his deputis, he and his deputis doand and keipand the seruice in his name pertening to the same vse and vont allanerlie during his liftyme, efter the deceise of the said Alexr. Menzes allanerlie, reseruand allwayise the haill proffetis, emolumentis, and accidentis thairof to the said Alexander during his liftyme, he or his deputis doand and kepiand the seruice and duyteis thairof during his liftyme; and ordinit ane gift to be maid to the said Patre thairwpoun for his liftyme, vnder the tovnis commond seill, and ordinit the keparis therof to seill the said gift thairwith; on the quhilkis Maister Robert Lumisden, in name of the said Patrik, tuk act of court and instrument, afor thir vitnes, John Lesly of Bolquhane, Mr. Duncane Forbes, Maister Thomas Dauesoun, Gilbert Malysoun, Patre Menzes, Thomas Branche, and Maister Gilbert Murray.

The said day, it is deuisit, statut, and ordinit, &c., bayth for the commond veill of the inhabitantis of the said burgh, and of the nychtbouris to landvart fechand thair victuallis to thair guid towne to sell, that frathinfurth na maner of malt nor beir that cumis to the guid tovnn to sell be mett in tymes cumyng bot with ane straik mesour, and the byaris to haue thair mesour strakit allanerlie samekill as tha by, vnder the paine of eschaeting of the haill stuf that beis fundin vthirvaise mettene and deliuerane in the said burgh; and to that effect ordinis the possessouris of thair tolhouise to cause mak incontinent xij firlettis and xij pekis of the straik mett to the effect forsaid, be the sycht of the counsale, to serue the fecharis of the said victualis in tymes cumyng.

The said day, the haill tovnn, beyng convenit as said is in thair gild court, consentit and war content that the personis that hes thair partis of the Fleming schip that come last to this guid tovnn sall haue na part of the

nixt schip that hapnis to be bocht be the tovne in tyme to cum, bot the same to be partit amangis the remanent of the nychtbouris of the townn that gat na part of the geir of this schip; and euery nychtbour to ressaue his part therof as beis deuisit to thame be the prouest and bailzeis for the tyme, and pay therfor as tha beis bocht for the tyme; and the act of bying of sic geir to remaine in sic forme, strinth, and effect as it hed abefor. 17th January, 1549.

The said day, freir John Blak, collectour and procutour for the freris predicatouris of Abirdene, producit in iugment ane chartour maid to the said freris of five pundis Scottis mone of yeirly annuell rent, aucht to tham of ane land lyand on the vest syid of the Schipraw of the said burgh, pertening now to the aires of vmquhill William Annand, of the dait vigesimo die mensis Junii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quarto, desirand paiment of the said annuall rent at Elspet Annand, now possessour of the said land; and thairefter the said Elspet producit ane few chartour of the said land, sett furth be the said freris predicatouris for fourty schillingis Scottis mone of yeirly few allanerlie to thame, of the dait nono Novembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tertio; quhilkis fourty s. mone forsaid, the prouest and bailzeis ordinit the said Elspet to pay to the said freris for the last tua termes immediatly preceden the dait heirof, within viij dais, and siclik yeirlie in tymes cumyng fourty s. conforme to the said chartour allanerly to the said freris, dischargeand the said land of ony mair paiment to the said freris thane the said xl s. yeirly as said is, payand all wayise the wther annuellis aucht of the said landis to the awnaris therof vse and wont.

20th January, 1549.

The said day, the counsall, present for the tyme, ordinit the bailzeis to compt and rakin iustly with Alexr. Ratray and Gilbert Menzeis, thair gunnaris, and quhat thay find restand avand thame of thair seruice bigane, iustly to mak thame and euery ane of thame paiment of thair restis respectiue, of the rediest of the mone tha haif in thair handis of the tovnis taxt, and tak thair acquittances thairwpoun; and quhat tha deliuer thame, thai ordand the same to be thankfully allovit to the said bailzeis respectiue, in thair nixt comptis of thair said taxtis.

24th January, 1549.

The said day, Gilbert Kintor is conuikit be the sorne assise aboun

24th January, 1549. writin, Maister Robert Lumisdan thair chancelar, for inuading Daue Andersoun, doctour in the grammer skuhill of the said burgh, in Sanct Nicholace kirk of the said burgh, villand to haue strikin him; and als the said Daue Andersoun and John Robertsoun ar conuikit be the said sorne assise, be the mouth of the said chancelar, for the out feching of the barnis of the said grammar skuhill, and the invading of the said Gilbert Kintor, and Dauid Kintor, his brother; throw the quhilk invading, the said Dauid Kintor was strikin and strublit be ane scholar, callit Skeyne, with ane tre; quherfor ather of thame is in ane amerciament of court, and that is gevin for dome, and the mendis heirof continewit to be modifeit be the counsale; and the said Dauid Kintor and Master Hew Monro ar quit of all strublance be the said assise, and Dauid Kintor is becumin lauburrowis for his brother, Gilbert Kintor; and als the said Gilbert is becumin law^ris for the said Dauid, and Wm. Farquharsoun for Maister Hew Monro, and Maister Robert Lumisden for the said Daue Andersoun, and Richart Vatsoun for the said John Robertsoun, that the tovnn and partys respectiue, salbe harmeles and skaythles of thame, and all that tha ma let in tymes cumyng, bot as law vill, vnder the pane of law.

27th January, 1549.

The said day, the haill tovnn, being varnit, &c., chesit Maister Patre Ruderfurd, Alexr. Gray, Gilbert Collysoun, Gilbert Brabaner, and Alexr. Scot, taxtaris, to taxt and stent vpoun the nychtbouris and inhabitantis the said burgh the sowme of sevintene scoir of pundis, Scottis mone, includand thairintill the restis of the last general taxt: that is to say, to consider and find quhat restis vnpait of the said last taxt, and to alow the same in the first end of the said sevintene scoir lib., and to taxt the remanent thairof, equalie and iustly, vpoun the nychtbouris of the said burgh, efter thair saulis and consciences, and for the furnessing of four scoir of pyonaris, to pas to Bruchty Crag, at command of our souerane ladyis letteris direct thairupoun; and als to propyne the gouernour now at his first cumyng to this guid townn, quhilk is to cum heir hastely; quhilk personis accepit the said office one thame, and ar sorne the grit ayth thairto in iugment, in presens of the haill tovnn, conuenit as said is.

5th April, 1549.

The said day, it is statut and ordinit be the haill towne, conuenit, as

said is, considering the prices of the quhit laitly bocht be the tovnn, and deliuerit to thair baxsteris, and als the prices of the quhit bocht be thame in the cuntra, that euery baxster within this burgh baik xx vnces of guid, clein, and weill bakin breid of quhit for tua penneis, and ten vnces weycht for ane penny, and at the lest xviij vnces weycht of guid, fyne, and pleway breid of quhit for tua penneis, and nyne vnces weycht for ane penny, becaus it was considerit be the tovnn that the baxsteris mycht weill gif xx vnces for tua pennies, and tene vnces for ane penny, nochtwithstanding tha makand guid breid of xviii for twa penneis, and ix vnces for ane penny, and na less the tovnn wald ouer se thame, quhill tha war forder auisit. And quhasumeuer dois in the contrar, and his breid be fundin of less paise thane xviij vnce for tua d., and nyne vnce for ane penny, the haill breid sua fundin to be eschatit and delt be the bailzeis, as tha sall think expedient for the tyme; and als, that na bread of quhit be sellit nor disponit to na maner of persoun within the burgh, nor without the same, quhill it first be weyit be the bailzie of the quarter, gif he ma be apprehendit for the tyme, and gif he ma nocht be apprehendit, be ane wther bailze, or at the lest be the officiar of the quarter where the said baxster duellis, vnder the same paine. 5th April, 1549.

The said day, it is statut and ordinit be the haill townn, conuenit as said is, that na maner of fischis, keling, nor salmond, be maid in grit, saltit nor pelit, in tyme cumyng, be na maner of persoun within this burgh, bot be fremen of the gild allanerlie, and quhair ony keling or salmond beis fundin saltit or pelit in the contrar, the haill sua fundin to be eschait to the tovnis vtilite and vse; and als, that na salmond fische be bocht in tyme cumyng be na maner of persoun within this burgh, quhill tha be presentit to the mercat corce of the said burgh, and thair opinlie sellit and bocht; and at na fische be presentit to the said mercat be coparis, bot be avnaris thairof and thair avin seruandis allanerly. And quhatsumeuer person apprehendis ony salmond fische sellit in the contrar heirof, the haill fische sua apprehendit to be eschaitit, and the apprehendar thairof to haue the thrid of the same to his avin vtilite and vse, and the wther tua pairt to be applyit and disponit to the tovnis vtilite and vse, but ony request to be hard in the contrar.

30*th April*, 1549.

The said day, the haill tovnn, being conuenit, &c., consentit and or-

30th April, 1549. dinit that the four bailzeis pas this day efter novn with his officiar, euery ane throw his avin quartar, and consider and wesy euery nychtbour thairof quhay hes fensabill geir and vappynnis for thair defence aganis our auld ennemeis of Ingland, and cause writ sa mony as tha find boddin in maner forsaid; and quhay tha find vantand that ma furneis the same, to charge thame to prouid and furneis the same within tene dais nixt heirefter, and failzeing thairof, that the said bailzeis cause prouid the same one the said personis expensis, sa mony as ma furneiss the same, ilk ane efferand to thair avin estait and substance.

The said day, the prouest, bailzeis, counsale, and communite of Abirdene, conuenit, &c., deuisit, statut, and ordinit, for defence of this guid town aganis our auld ennemies of Ingland, considdering the present danger the same now presently standis intill, that all maner of fremen of this guid town, now presently remanand to landvart, cum to this guid townn and enter thairintill the first day of May nixt cumis, and thaireftir to remaine continualy thairintill, and scot, lot, walk, and ward, and beir chargis thairof as wther nychtbouris, quhill Mychtelmes nixt cumis, as danger apperis. And quhay nocht [apperis] the said day, to the effect for said, tha ordand the bailzie of the quarter quhair tha duell, to tak samekle of the rediest of thair geir, other of thair gudis, malis of thair landis or fischingis, or ony wther maner of proffieit tha haue within the said burgh, and fee and vageor in thair rowme, on thair expensis that cumis nocht and remainis nocht as said is, for ane moneth nixt thaireftir, and sua furth monethly, aye and quhill tha cum and mak the said residence, as said is, during the tyme forsaid, as danger apperis, and ordinis oppin proclamatioun to be maid heirof at the mercat corce of the said burght, quhilk wes done opinlie this day thairat, in presens of the maist part of the said tovnn.

The said day, the haill tovnn, conuenit for the maist pairt in the heid court, as said is, deuisit and ordinit ane vaiche of tuenty personis to enter this nycht, and thairefter to continew nychtly during the tovnis vill, and ordinit the bailzeis to cast cavillis quhair the same sall begyne; and at euery man vaiche himself as he beis varnit, and na wtheris to be admittit nor ressauit for him, except it salbe lesum to thame that ar agit and vnabill to send thair eldest sone, quhen it fallis to thame, in thair place, and nane wtheris that hes ony sonnis to send. And ordinis this ordinance to be obseruit and keipit, vnder the panis contenit in the statut maid heirupoun

abefor, viz., xx s. of ilk persone that trangressis the same, to be applyit as is contenit in the statut maid heirupoun abefor. 30th April, 1549.

17*th June*, 1549.

The said day, the counsale, present for the tyme, chesit Andro Buk maister and cair berar of the tovnis artailzerie and graytht thairof, and giding of the same, and to provid furnesing and all necessaris thairto, one the townis expenssis, vnder Gilbert Menzeis, younger, bailze, quhilk salbe principale maister thairof during the tovnis vill; and ordinis the said Andro to provid all necessaris for the said artailzere, sic as stokkis, cartis, bullatis, bandis, weggis, and fesnyngis, and to put the said four gunnaris diligently in lawbouris thairto, as the said Gilbert and he sall think expedient, be the sycht of the counsale; and als ordinit the said Andro to haue for his lawbouris done to the towne in tymes bygane, and for this instant symmer, quhill Mertimes nixt cumis, fourty crownis of the sone of weycht; and ordinis the tovnis ressaueris of thair taxtis to pay him the same of the first end thairof, and the same to be thankfully alovit to tham in thair nixt comptis tharof.

21*st June*, 1549.

The said day, the counsale, present for the tyme, ordinit and gaif command to Thomas Menzeis, thair prouest, to conduce and tak one ane capitane, with ane hundreth men of weir thairof, fifty halkbutaris, and fifty speir men, of the sobirest and maist conuenient price he mycht apprehend thame, for the tovnis veill, for tua monethis to cum, begynnand one the first day of July that nixt cumis; and obleigit that quhat he promittis and dois thairintill, to releif him thairof, in the haill tovnis name, and to hald ferme and stabill quhat euer he dois thairintill.

9*th August*, 1549.

The said day, it is statut and ordinit be the prouest, bailzies, and counsale, present for the tyme, in presens of the maist pairt of the baxsteris of this guid tovnn, havand respect to the prices that the quhit gevis for the tyme in this tovnn, viz., xxxij s., or xxxiiij s. at the maist, that thair be na manner of iiij d. breid bakin within this tovnn frathinfurth, vnder the pane of eschaeting of the same, bot allanerly tua penny breid and penny breid, that be guid stuf, fresche, veill bouttit, and without mixtiour, and ueill bakin;

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the prise of the tua penny breid xiij vnce, and penny breid vij vnces; and gif ony breid beis fundin incontrar heirof quhen it is weyit be the bailzie, thane and in that caise it salbe lesum to the said bailzeis that apprehendit it to eschait and daill the same to the purale for thair contentioun, without ony forder calling, accusing, or conuikit of thame; and als tha statut and ordinit that all maner of flower, quhit, ry, and ry meill that hapnis to cum to the tovn frathinfurth one the avin auentour, that the baxsteris of this guid tovne sall haue the same, of the same price the towne hapnis to by the same, sa far as tha ma loise amangis thame, and pay the fremmit men thankfully, and na wther man to haue ony part tharof quhill the said baxsteris refuise it.

4th October, 1549.

The said day, it is deuisit, statut, and ordinit be the haill counsale, present for the tyme, that thair be [na] stuff met with the tovnis commond met frathinfurth within this burgh, except the gudis and geir of fremmit men cummand to the tovn of thair auentour, and bocht be the nychtbouris of the towne; and ordinis the prouest, quhilk hes the cair of the said mesour as takisman to the townn, to cause the same to be obseruit and keipit in tymes cuming, as he will ansuer thairupoun to the said town.

The said day, the counsale, present for the tyme, ordanit thair four gunnaris to be obeyit and pait of thair vagis bigane vnpait of the rediest of the tovnis last taxt restand vnpait or in the bailzeis handis, and dischargis euery ane of thame of monethly wagis frathinfurth; and samony of thame as vill serue for tuenty pundis be yeir, tha ordinit thame to be conducit, and to haue guid paiment of the said xx lib. for the said yeris seruice, and to enter instantly in the said seruice, and to haue thair first paiment therof at Mertimes nixt cumis; and thaireftir Alex. Ratray, ane of the said gunnaris, instantly accepit the said fee, and oblegit him to serue the said tovnn lelilie and treulie in the said office tharfor during the said yeir.

7th October, 1549.

The said day, Cloyse Wan Holing, skipar of ane schip of Hamburgh, Henry Smyth, botisman thairof, Cloisse Fultmeir, Benedict Tymmerman, and Clement Tekay, wer conuikit in iugment be the sorne assise aboun writin, admittit be thame in ingment, and sorne in thair presens be the pronuncia-

tion of Dauid Andersoun, thair chancelar, for the violent and vranguss takin, handling, strubling, bluid dravin, and binding of William Portuuss, vnder silence [of nycht,] and at tha had offendit thairthrow, fyrst, to the quenis grace of Scotland, in the taking, handling, and binding of the said William at thair avin hand with ony ordour of law or iustice, he beand hir fre liege and subdict; secondly, to the guid tovnn of Abirdene, doand sic offensis at thair awin hand within the fredome and iurisdictioun thairof; thirdly, to the said Wm. himself, doand sic strublance and offensis to him in maner forsaid, quharfor tha and ilkane of thame is in ane amerciament of court to forbeir in tyme to cum, and mend as law vill, and that is gevin for dovme, and the mendis heirof continewit to the morne to be modefeit be the prouest, bailzeis, and consale, sa far as concernis thame; and Andro Craufurd yovnger, and Alexr. Galloway, ar becumin souerte for the enteres of the said skipar and personis forsaid; and the bailzeis continewit the pronunciatioin of the allegit strublance done be the said Scottismen to the said Hamburgh men to the morne; and ordinit the said Scottismen elikvise for thair enteres the said day, to sett cautioun or tha departit of the tolbuyth; and thairefter the saidis Andro Crawfurd and Alexr. Galloway become sourteis for the said Hamburgh men for making of thair mendis for the premisses as hapnis to be modifeit and deuisit be the prouest, bailzeis, and counsale for the tyme. 7th October, 1549.

The said day, it is deuisit, statut, and ordinit be the prouest, bailzeis, counsale, and communite present for the tyme, for the veill of landuart men that cumis with thair victuallis to the guid tovnn to sell thairat, thair be na maner of sampillis nor scheit schakkynnis tane fray thame in tymes cumyng of thair victuallis, and at the sellar be nocht indettit to deliuer his victuale sellit be him to na wther maner of persoun bot to the byar thairof allanerlie with the selit mesour of the towne, with ane pek to ilk he selis allanerlie, and wther maner of thing, and ordinis proclamatioun to be maid heirof at the mercat croce of the said burgh.

8th October, 1549.

The said day, Thomas Quhit was conuikit abefor for the strublance of Dauid Reid, officiar, in the executioun of his office, and for the strublance of Duncane Freser, and ryving of his tirleise of his vyndok, and strik oup of the same, vnder silence of nycht, is maid and ordinit be the provest,

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bailzeis, and counsale, to cum on Sonday cum viij dais, in the tyme of the hie mess, within the queir of the said burgh, bair feit and bair heid, with ane candill of ane lib. of vax in his hand, and thair to sit done on his bair kneis, and thair first to ask the prouest, bailzeis, and counsale forgifens, and secundly the said David Reid, officiar, and thirdly the said Duncane Fresser, of the said offensis, and offer the said candill to Sanct Nicholace lycht, and to sett cautioun for tene lib. Scottis mone to Sanct Nicholace vark, gif euer he committis siclik falt to ony officiar or nychtbour within this burgh; and als to satisfe and pleis the said officiar and barbour for curing of him; and als to mend the skayth done be him to the said Freseris tirleis and vindak, and to set cautioun for the same or he departit of the tolbuith, and John Tulidef zovnger is becumin souerte for the said Quhit for fulfilling of all the premisses.

11*th October*, 1549.

The said day, Cloise Van Holing, skipar of the Hamburgh schip, referrit the amendis of the offensis done be him and his marenellis and childer to William Pertuuss, in the takin and burding of him, and the amendis of the offence done to the tovn of Abirdene, to the modificatioun of the counsale present for the tyme, and wes content, how euer the said counsale modefeit therfor, to pay the same. And thaireftir the counsale modifeit the said amendis to the said William Portuuss, in all thingis, to xx merkis, and the amendis to the towne to tene pundis Scottis mone, and ordinit Andro Crawfurd and Alexr. Galloway, cautioneris for the said Hamburgh men, to pay the said sovmes to the party and the tovnis denis of gild, in thair names respectiue, within viij dais, and remittit the laif thairof for luf and kindnes of the tovne of Hamburgh and inhabitantis thairof, and for thair saik allanerlie.

14*th October*, 1549.

Marie, be the grace of God quene of Scottis, to the prouest and bailzeis of our burgh of Abirdene, greting: Forsamekle as we, with avise and consent of our derrest cousing and tutour, James Erle of Arrane, Lord Hammyltoun, &c., protectour and gouernour of our realme, hes dispensit, and be thir our letteris dispensis, with our louit Thomas Nicholsoun, vpoun hes minorite and less aige, to the effect that he ma be enterit, be cursable brewis of our chapell, as nerrest tutour of law to Dauid Arrot, sone and air of vm-

quhill Dauid Arrot, burges of our said burgh, siclik and als lauchtfully in all thingis as and he war of lauchtfull aige of xxv yeris, notwithstanding that he is yit of less aige; quhairwpoun we dispense with him as said is, and siclik with yow and with the personis that sal hapin to be and pas vpon the inquest for serving of the breuis of our chapell, rasit or to be rasit be him. Our vill is herfor, and we charge yow straitly and commandis that incontinent thir our letteris sene, ye mak the breif or breuis of tutorie of our chapell, purchest or to be purchest be the said Thomas, direkit to yow in his less aige forsaid, to be lauchtfullie proclamit and dewlie seruit, siclik and als lauchtfully in all poyntis, be vertew of this our dispensacioun, as he wer of lauchtfull aige; anent quhais non aige we haif dispensit, and be thir presentis dispensis with yow and personis of inquest, as said is, and will that nane of tham salbe summond, callit, or accusit for vilfull or ignorant errour therfor, renunciand all actioun that we may haue or move aganis thame thairthrow for euer be thir our letteris. Subscriuit be our said derrest gouernour, and gevin vnder our signet, at Edinburgh, the aucht day of September, and of our regne the sevint yeir. James, G^r^. 14th October, 1549.

17*th October*, 1549.

The said day, it is deuisit, statut, and ordinit be the prouest, bailzeis, and counsale present for the tyme, for eschewing of the contagius pest now ringand burgeand in diuerse partis, that gif ony maner of persoun or personis hapnis to tak ony maner of seiknes frathinfurth that the guidman or guid vif of that house cause reveill the same to the prouest or ane bailze, or at the lest to ane officiar, within vj houris nixt efter tha be seik, vnder the paine of bannesing of the concelaris thairof the tovnn, and eschaeting of thair haill geir to the tovnis vse, without request to be hard in the contrar; and that thaireftir, quhair ony seiknes beis fundin, that the haill houshald quhair it is fundin be inclusit, and thaireftir remaine inclusit, sa lang as tha get charg thairto, vnder the same paine.

Item, that na maner of persoun within this tovnn, of quhat degre that euer tha be, pas to vessy, speik, or commond with ony inclusit personis, or ony folkis in the linkis, or minister thame ony wyueris or necessaris, without tha haue licence of the prouest or ane bailzie tharto, and ane officiar of the tovnn with thame, vnder the paine of inclusing of thame with the same personis to quhom tha pas.

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Item, that how soun ony persoun, zovng or auld, deis in ony house, that the haill houise be removit, viz. the personis duelland thairintill, to sic places as the prouest, bailzeis, and counsale sall think expedient, and that within xxiiij houris efter the deceise of the said persoun.

Item, that the personis that hapnis to be put to the linkis that ar seruandis, that thair maisteris sall susteine thame in the linkis, gif tha haue geir to sustein thame vpoun.

Item, that all the swyne within this tovnn be removid and devidit of the tovnne, or ellis haldin and kepit fast in houssis, within xlviij houris efter, vnder the pane of eschaeting of thame that beis fundin gangand one the gait thairefter, to be disponit to the folkis in the Linkis, as the bailzeis and counsale sall think expedient; and at all thame that hes any dogis keip thame cloise in band in thair houssis. And gif dogis beis fundin gangand one the gait, it salbe lesum to ony persoun to slay thame, quhair euer tha may apprehend thame.

Item, at thair be bot ane kirk dur of the parroche kirk oppin ilk day frathinfurth, during the tyme of this pest, and that the segrestar keep the same, and that he lat na maner of purale enter in the kirk, bot to remane at the kirk dur, and seik thair almous, vnder the pane of bannessing him the tovnn; and that all the puralis within this tovnn be conuenit be the hand bell the morne in the kirk yard, and the bailzeis to pas and vesy and consider thame, and samony as tha find natiue to the tovnn, to gif thame ane takin of the tovnis armes to veir on thair breist, and charge all the laif that beis nocht admittit be the bailzeis, to remove them within xxiiij houris thairefter, vnder the pane of burning of thame with ane hett jrne of the cheik that beis fundit thairefter.

The said day, it is statut and ordinit be the prouest, baillies, and counsale, present for the tyme, that na maner of takismen of the tovnis land takis, birne, ryif out, wyne of new, ony landis within the fredome, and saw cornis thairon, without thair teill ryge of auld, without licence of the prouest, baillies, counsale, and communite requirit and obtenit thairto, vnder the pane of tinsale of thair takis that dois in the contrar, and beis conuikit thairof.

4th November, 1549.

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The said day, the prouest, bailzeis, and counsale, present for the tyme, licent Maister Hew Monro to pas to his luging quhair he dwelt afor, with his vif, seruandis, and barnis, sua tha remanit viij dais nixt heirefter inclusit, and come nocht furth nor ressaue nane of his guid moderis houshald in thair houise, and als handlit and vsit all the geir in the houise and biging, and mak fayth thairupoun. And forder, to remane quhill tha gat licence of the counsale to pas furth in braid. And als licent Jonat Anand, his guid modir, and hir seruandis and barnis, to pas furth to kirk and merkat to thair lesum besines, sua that nane of thame pas to the said Maister Hewis, nor yit ressaue nane of his in her houise. And als tha licent Gilbert Kintor to put in his seruandis and barnis in his houise sua tha remane still inclusit for viij dais, and handill and vse the geir that is thairin; and siclik licent Jonat Moyses, and hir seruandis and barnis, to pas to hir house, and to remane inclusit for viij dais, and forder, induring the counsalis vill, and that tha handill and vse all the geir thairintill as tha vill mak fayth thairwpoun.

15th November, 1549.

My lord prouest and bailzeis of this guid tovnn of Abirdene, onto your l[ ], humelie menis and complanis, I, your nychtbour and comburges, Dauid Low, vpoun Janis Lame, relict and intromettour with the geir and gudis of vmquhile Alexr. Duncane, that quhair the said Alexr. the tyme of his deceise, quhilk wes in the moneth of May last by past, in anno xlix yeris, beand avand to me viij lib. of mone vsuale of Scotland, for certane colwering, pulder, and velwet bocht and ressauit be him fray tyme afor his deceise, I send Jonat Lesly, my wif, to the said Janis, immediatly efter the said Alexanderis deceise, for the said sovme of mone, to Jonat Annandis house, moder to the said Janis, quhair my said vif apprehendit the said Janis, and requirit the said mone that the said Alexr. was avand to me, and the said Janis ansuerit, as efter followis: Dame, I ame gritly behaldin to Dauid Low, your hisband, and I thank him gritly that is nocht sa extreme to me as wtheris is that hes causit arrest my geir, and lok my durris; grit ressoun war that he war thankfully pait. I know my hisband aucht him tene lib. for velvet and poulder, and I sall outred him and pay him thankfully, for my hisband hes left aneucht to pay all his dettis. And the said Jonat, my spouse, ansuerit, that he

15th Nov., 1549. was avand bot viij lib. to me, and I vald not craif nor tak mair nor it was, for all the geir I had; and this confessioun and promeis of payment ves maid befor diuerse famous vitnes in the said moneth of May or thairby. And thairefter the said Janis desirit part of the said sovme to be remittit forgevin and dischargit to hir, and sche vald mak me thankfull paiment; and, becaus I refusit to remitt ony tharof, the said Janis, nochtwithstanding of hir promeise aboun writin, refusis, postponis, and deferris vrangusly, to mak me paiment of the said sovme, albeit sche grantit diuerse tymes to mak me paiment therof, nor yet intendis to do, without sche be compellit be iustice herto. Beseikand your l[ ], &c.

16*th December*, 1549.

The said day, Alexr. Jaffray, John Foullis, Charle Dauesoun, Duncane Colle, George Andersoun, and Jonat Ancroft, baxstaris, tha and ilk ane of thame is conuikit be the sorne assise aboun writin, for the brakin of commond ordinance and statutis of this guid tovne, in selling of breid of quhit of less prise thane the statutis maid thairwpoun, and of insufficient stuf, quherfor ilk ane of thame is in ane amerciament of the court, and that is gevin for dovme. And the bailzeis ordinit the officiaris to pas incontinent and pund every ane of thame therfor, and als thame all in iugment to keip the said statutis, and to baik and sell xiiij vnce of guid, clein, dry, and veill bakin fresche stuf for ij d., and to haue breid rady at all tyme to serue the tovne sa lang as tha haue stuf, vnder the pane of eschaeting of the haill braid fundin with thame for the tyme.

14*th April*, 1550.

The said day, Maister Hew Monro, maister of the grammer skuilhill of Abirden, resignit, renuncit, and ouer gaif, puirlie and simplile, in the prouestis handis in iugment, in name of the haill towne, the office of the grammer skuilhill of the said burgh, with all proffetis, casualiteis, and accidentis thairof for euer, to be disponit be the said town as thai thocht expedient; for the quhilkis the haill tovnn, conuenit as said is, grantit, gaif, and assignit fourty pundis Scottis mone to the said Maister Hew, to be pait to him at thir termes folloving: that is to say, tuenty pundis at Vitsounday nixt cumis, tene pundis at Mertimes nixt cumis, and vther tene at Vitsonday nixt therefter, in the yeir of God j^{m} fifty ane yeiris, in compleit paiment of the said fourty pundis; and ordinit Dauid Mar, ane of thair denis

of gild, to pay him the same of the radiest of the tovnis mone intrometit with be him, and ordinit the same to be alovit to him in his nixt comptis. 14th April, 1550.

18*th April*, 1550.

The said day, the townn beyng convenit in thair gild court for the maist part, representand the haill tovnn, nemmit and elekit Maister James Chalmer, all except vij or [viij] personis, to be maister of thair grammer skuilhill, now vacand in thair handis be renunciatioun and dimissioun thairof be Maister Hew Monro, last maister of the same, and gaif thair guid villis tharof to the said Maister James induring the townis vill, and presentit him as abill therto to the chancelar of Abirdene to be admittit be him therto as vse hes bene tharrof in tymes bigane ; one the quhilkis the prouest tuik act of court and instrument.

The said day, the counsale ordinit all the chaplanis of the tovnis fundationis to be varnit to comper afor thame the morne in the chaptour of thair parroche kirk, and bring with thame euery ane for thame self the challesis, vestimentis, and ornamentis thairof, to be sane be thame that tha may caus mak inuintour thairof to be keipit to the vsis of the altaragis thairof in tymes cuming.

8*th August*, 1550.

The said day, the haill tovnn beyng varnit, &c., chesit Thomas Menzeis, thair prouest, and Gilbert Menzeis elder, ane of thair bailzeis for the tyme, thair commissaris to convein with the laif the commissaris of burrovis at Edinburgh, the xiiij day of August instant, with continuatioun of dais, to consult and determine with thame for the liberte and fredome of burrovis of this realme, and preuileges thairof, and als anent the direking of sum commissar for the burrovis to Flandris, with the ambassatouris that passis thair for treting of pece for the veill of the said burrovis, and ordinis ane commissioun to be maid to tham thairwpoun, vnder the tovnis commond seill ; and alse ordinis the counsale to devise [quhat] tha suld haue to mak thair expensis thair, and quhair and how the same suld be gottin to thame with diligence ; and als tha ordand the said Gilbert Menzeis to mak the townis compt in this present chakar, as he that is the tovnis collectour for the tyme.

The said day, the tovnn beyng conuenit as said is, Maister Iohn

8th August, 1550. Kennedy, resignit and ouergaif his office of the bellis of the tovn, in the said tonnis handis, in fauouris of Andro Malysoun, sone to Gilbert Malisone, burges of the said burgh, condicionaly, that is to say, the promeise and prouisioun of Sanct John the Evangelist altar, within the paroche kirk of Abirdene, maid to him abefor be the prouest, bailzeis, and counsale of this guid tovnn, quhen it hapnit to vaik, being obseruit and keipit to him; and for that cause he resignit the said office of secrastary and bellis in the said tovnis handis, and vthervais nocht. And thairefter, the tovnn beyng conuenit as said is, gaif the said office of bellis and secrastary to the said Andro during his liftym, with all proffetis and emolumentis pertening thairto vse and vont, he doand or causand do the seruice thairof efferand to the same vse and vont; on the quhilk the said Gilbert, his fader, tuik act of court and instrument in his name. Vitnes, Thomas Nicholsoun, Alexr. Menzeis zovnger, and Patre Gray.

5th September, 1550.

The said day, the haill tovnn, beyng varnit, &c., chesit Thomas Nicholsoun yovnger, James Collisoun, Andro Crawfurd yovnger, Thomas Murray, and Dauid Low, the tovnis taxtaris, to taxt and stent vpon the fremen and inhabitantis of the said tounn the sovme of tua hundreth and tuenty sax crovnis of the sone of weycht, for this guid tovnis part of ane gritar sovme of mone, deuisit be the gouernour and lordis of secreit counsale to be raisit and ouptakin of the haill burrovis of this realme, for furnesing of ambassiatouris to pas to the emperour for treting of pace betuix him and his subditis and this realme, efter the forme and tennour of our souerane ladyis letteris direct heirwpoun; quhilk personis accepit the said mater one thaim, and ar sorne to tax the same lelile and treuly with all diligence, on the quhilk the prouest tuik act of court and instrument.

10*th October*, 1550.

The said day, the prouest, bailzeis, and counsale, present for the tyme, grantit, gaif, and assignit to thair louit Maister James Chalmer, maister of thair grammar skuill, tene merkis Scottis mone of yeirly pentioun, to be pait to him yeirly, in the tovnis name, be thair denis of gild, at tua vsuale termes in the yeir, viz., Mertimes and Vitsonday, be tua evinly portionis, and begynnand the first paiment thairof at Mertimes nixt cumis, and therefter to induir and continew during the said tovnis vill, and that for the

said Maister James guid seruice, to be maid be him in the said skuill, in teching, lerning, giding, and revling the barnis thairof, for the commond veill of the said burgh. 10th October, 1550.

The said day, it is statut and ordinit be the said counsale, that euery nychtbour of this guid tounn, that hapnis to be varnit be thair secrestar lauchtfully to pas with Sanct Nicholace braid, thair patroun, and passis nocht with the same the day he is varnit to pas thairwith, [nocht] haiffand lauchfull impediment, that he sall pay als mekle to Sanct Nicholace verk as the braid was on the Sonday immediat preceden the Sonday he beis varnit to pas thairwith, vnforgevin.

Item, it is statut and ordinit be the said counsale, that na maner of brostar within this tovnn sell ony aill derrar in tymes cumyng, quhill tha be forder auisit, thane xx d. or ij s. at the maist the gallown of fremennis viffis, and xvj d. the galloun of vnfremennis, vnder the pane of eschaeting of the same that beis fundin sellit in the contrar.

24*th November*, 1550.

The said day, the counsale, present for the tyme, consentit to propyne the gouernouris grace, now at first cuming to this guid tovnn, with ane hundreth merkis Scottis, to be gevin to his grace at his cumyng to this guid townn, in wyne, wax, and spisareis; and becaus tha had na mony for the tyme to do the same, the prouest, Thomas Menzeis, oblegit him to gif twenty pundis of the mail of his tak of Bogfarlo, in formaling; and Alexr. Ruderfurd twenty pundis of the maill of his tak of Rubislaw, in formaling; and Thomas Chalmer twenty of the maill of his tak of Gardyne, in formaling, to the furnesing of the said propine, to be alovit to thame yeirly in the malis of thair said takis respectiue, quhill the said soumes be compleitly furth runin, yeirly alovand to euery ane of thame and thair aires the malis thairof as tha pay now; quhilk the counsale ordinit to be done, and thankit thame for kindness schavin and done to the tovnn thairintill.

14*th April*, 1552.

The said day, the counsell, all in ane voce, havand respect and consideratioune that the lordis of Bonnacord in tymes bygane hase maid our mony grit, sumpteous, and superfleous banketing induring the tyme of thair

14th April, 1552.

regnn, and specialie in May, quhilks wes thocht nother profitabill nor godlie, and did hurt to sundry young men that wer elekit in the said office, becaus the last elekit did aye pretent to surmont in thair predecessouris in thair ryetouss and sumpteous banketing, and the causs principal and gud institutioun thairof, quhilk wes in halding of the gud toun in glaidnes and blythtnes, witht danssis, farsiis, playis, and gamis, in tymes convenient, necleckit and abusit; and thairfor ordinis that in tyme cummin all sic sumpteous banketing be laid doun aluterlie except thre sobir and honest, vizt., upoun the senze day, the first Sonday of May, and ane [ ] upoun Tuisday efter Pasche day, and na honest man to pass to ony of thair banketis except on the said thre dais allanerlie; and in ane place of the forsaid superfleouss banketing to be had and maid yeirly to generall plais, or ane at the lest, with danssis and gammes usit and wont; and quha souer refuisis to accept the said office in tyme cuming, beand elekit thairto be the toun, to tyne his fredome, priuelege, takis, and profit he hes or ma haf of the toun, and neuer to be admittit frathinfurtht to office, honour, nor dingnete.

27*th May*, 1552.

The said day, the prouest, ballies, and counsel, present for the tyme, ordanit the sax pound of Johnne Robertsons compositioun for his fremanschip, and the nixt compositioune of ony burgess of gild that hapinis to be maide, of grit or small degre, to be gewin to Patre Menzes and Thomas Nicholsoune, lordis of Bonnacord of this instant yeir, to help to mak mair expensis, be ressoune that thai ar put to grytar coist this yeir nor utheris that bar office before thaim hes bene put to, and that be ressoune of cummyng of the quenis grace, my lord governor, and the maist of the lords and grit men of this realme, presently to this toun.

24*th March*, 1544.

The said day, the four baillies and the maist pairt of the counsell being conwenit in the cheptour of Sanct Nicolace kirk of Aberdene, the saidis baillies exponit, in presens of the said counsell, qhow thai were chargit laitly, vpone the xxiij day of Merche instant, be Thomas Nicolsoune, schiref in that pairt, be vertew of our souerane ladyis letteris, gewin be deliuerance of the lordis of counsell, directit thairwpone, to tak and apprehend Johnne Chalmer, burges of the said burgh, quha presently, as is allegit, is in ane fury and raige of wodnes, and dailie molestand and perturband this toune

and the inhabitantis thairof, and to fesin and keip him in jrnis, gyf neid war, the said Johne, quhill he com to his awin wit, lyk as in the saidis letteris at mair lynth is contenit, and desyrit the consultatioune and adwysment of the said consell thairanent, with thair concurrence and assistance, gif thai think the same ressonable to be done ; quhilk consell, all in ane voce, except Gilbert Collisoune, eftir ripe advysement, declairit and thocht expedient that the saidis baillies suld tak and apprehend the said John Chalmer, and put him in custodie in stark lokfast hows, with vyttaris and vaychearis to awyt and keip him fra doing of skayth and forther perturbatioune, and thaireftir, gyf neid were, to fesin and keip him in irnis quhile he returne to his wit, and offerit to assist and concur with the saidis ballies to execute the same in caice ony wald resist the doing therof, and that for eschewing of appeirand skaith, danger, harme, and inconvenientis to be done be the said Johnne in tyme cumyng. 24th March, 1554.

The said day, Gilbert Collisoune, bailzie, tuik act and instrumentis that he disassentit to the taking and fesnyng of Johnne Chalmer, and protestit that he be nocht haldin as participant of the doing therof.

18*th June*, 1554.

The said day, the haill toun, beand convenit for the maist part, consentit to the obseruatioune and contract maid betuix Patrik Menzes, den of gild, one the ane part, and Wm. Jamesone, masoun, one the other part, anent the bigging, beyting, and mending of the battelling and alering of the tolbuith, and reforming and mending of tua vindowis therof, the said Williame findand sufficient hewyn stanes to the haill wark, with the tabill stane of the gavillis, and makand the said tolbuith vattirthicht, sa far as concernis the mason craft ; for the quhilkis the said den of gild sell gif him xl poundis, he findand souertie for compleiting of the said wark sufficiently, efter the forme and tennour of the said contract maid betuix the saidis parties therupoun.

9*th July*, 1554.

The said day, the prouest, ballies, and consall, present for the tyme, ratifiit and apprewit the contract maid betuix Patrik Menzes, den of gild, and Williame Jamesone, masone, anent the mending of the tolbuith for the sowme of fourty poundis, as the said contract beiris. Nochtwithstanding

9th July, 1554. the said Patrik be bound and oblist to the said Williame for payment of the said sowme, thai oblesis thame that he sell nocht deburse nane of his awin proper money, bot samekle as he intromettis with and is addettit to mak compt of induring the tyme of his office; and gif he inlaikis ony of the said fourty lib., and vngettable of his office, thai oblissis thame inlykmaner faythfullie to releiff him therof, at the handis of the said Williame, and all vtheris quhome it efferis, prowyding that he allow to the said Williame in payment of his lawbour fywe pound in part of payment of nyne pound, quhilk the said Williame is acht for obefor to the toune; and forther, quhat expenssis the said Patrik makis, attour the said forty poundis, vpoune lym, sand, and vther necessaris for the compleiting of the said contract, the saidis provest, baillies, and counsell, in name of the haill toune, obleigis thame to refound and pay the samin to the said Patrik eftir the heiring of his compt.

24*th February*, 1555.

The said day, Johnn Sandris, cowper, and Margarett Johnstoune, his spous, wes convickit in judgement, [by] the depositiounes of diuerse famose witnes, for the strublens, stryking, and bluidrawing of Thomas Gellane and Katherine Blaklawis, his wyfe; quharfor thai war in amerciament of court to forbeir in tyme cuming and amend as law will, and that wes gewin for dome, and the saidis Thomas and Katherine wer maid quit in judgement of all strublens of the saidis personis. And thaireftir the baillies modifiit the emendis of the said strublens as efter following: that is to say, thai ordanit the said Johnne and his spous forsaid to pay to the said Thomas Gellane xx s. Scottis, and to pay the barbour for the mending and curing of his woundis, within viij dayse; and alse to cum on Sonday nixt cuming to Sanct Nicholace parroche kirk, in the queir therof, in the tyme of hie mess, with ane candill of vax in euerie ane of thair handis, and thair to sit doune on thair kneis, in presens of the guid men of the toun, and ask the said Thomas and his wyf forgifnes; and gif euer thai be conuickit for siclyk in tyme cumyng, to pay tene markis to be applyit to Sanct Nicholace wark oneforgewin.

23*d March*, 1555.

The said day, James Mwllok grantit and confessit and judgement, him to haf sauld to Johnne Masone ane hors, blak-broune mowitt, with ane bell in the forrett, for the sowme of fywe merkis vj s. viij d. Scottis mone, of

the quhilk sowme he grantit him to haf resauit fra the said Johnn xx s. in part of payment; and becaus the said Johnne desyrit brocht and hamball of the said James for the said horse, he wes content that the rest of the said fywe merk vj s. viij d., viz. four mark, suld remane in the said Johnnis handis for the space of ane yeir eftir the dait herof, in caice the said horse be challangit fra him, and gif sua beis, he to warrand him the said hors, prowyding alwaise that the said Johnn Masone find the said James sufficient souertie that the said sowme salbe be furthcumand to him at the said yeris end; quha fand Androw Huntar, cautioner and souerte for the samen, and Gilbert Menzeis elder, become souerte, and oblist him to releif the said Androw of the said souertie in caice forsaid. 23d March, 1555.

10*th April*, 1555.

The said day, comperit in judgment Johne Clerk, induellar in the toune of Hull, in Ingland, and exponit to the bailzeis, in presens of Androw Buk, beand lauchtfullie varnit to this day, how, in the moneth of December, in the yeir of God j^m v^c fourty and sax yeris, or thairby, the said Androw, beand captywe and presonar, incarcerat in the said toune of Hull as fyane and enemy to Ingliss natioune, and put thar in cair and kepyng of the said Johne, be his crafty subtility brek the presone and eschewit, and tharthrow come in Scotland, fre of all ransome, without vitting or knawledge of the said Johnne, keiper of the said presone, quhairthrow the said John hes incurrit grit damnage and skaith of his gudis and fame, for thai of quhome he had the said cair and keping imput the vyit of the said Androwis escheving and away passing to the said Johnne, albeit he wes inocent therof, as he allegit; and thairfor desyrit the baillies forsaid to cause the said Androw be sworne the gryt ayth to testifie befoir thame the treuth and veritie of the said mater. Quha being sworne the gryt aith, the haly evangelistis tuichit, and diligently being exeminit be the saidis baillies, deponit and testifyit opinlie in jugement, vpoune his saull and consciens, that the said Johne Clerk knew nocht nor yit vnderstuyd of his away cuming, nor neuer wes participant therof, nor in the counsell of the same, bot ves all uterly ignorant and inocent therof; vpon the quhilk depositioune and testificatioune the said Johne desyirit ane testimoniall to be gewin him, under the secreit seill, quhilk desyir the baillies thocht ressonable, and decernit him the same, and ordinit the keiparis of thair said secreit seill to append the same thairto.

10th May, 1555.

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Eodem die comparuit religiosus vir frater Joannes Allardes subprior ac procurator prioris et conuentus fratrum Carmelitarum de Abirdene et produxit judicialiter tres processus judicales legittime per eum coram balliuis in tribus curiis capitalibus deductos de et super recuperatione proprietatis eiusdem terre vaste jacentis infra oppidum Aberdonense in vico viridi ex parte boreali eiusdem inter terras quondam Johannis Reid ex occidentali ex vna et ex orientali partibus ab altera communem viam regiam versus austrum in defectu solutionis vnius annui redditus decem solidorum monete Scotie de dicta terra annuatim debiti et longo tempore preterito non soluti quibus processibus palam et publice visis perlectis et intellectis ac legittime prolatus prefatus frater Joannes procuratorio nomine dictorum prioris et conuentis illis fieri petiit secundum vim formam et effectum dictorum processuum et aliarum euidentiarum judicialiter productarum exhibitarum et presentatarum coram preposito et balliuis in curia capitali proxima immediate diem et datam presentiam precedenti de dicta terra vasta cum pertinentiis iuris et iusticie complementum ac proprietatis iudicium vnde hora diei legitime expectata et omnibus interesse habentibus vocatis et nulla parte aduersa comparente nec contradicente prefatus frater Joannes porrexit plegium in manibus Thome Pattoune sergiandi quod ipse causam suam obtinuit in recuperatione proprietatis dicte terre vaste cum pertinentiis quare decretum fuit per discretum virum Gilbertum Collisoun vnum balliuorum pro tribunale sedentem et datum pro judicio per os Jacobi Pentland judicatoris curie pro tempore quod prefatus frater Joannes procuratorio nomine dictorum prioris et conuentus proprietatem et possessionem prefate terre vaste cum pertinentiis legitime recuperauit ob et propter defectum solutionis annui redditus x s. ante dicti quare prefatus frater Johannes nomine dictorum prioris et conuentus inducendus est in realem actualem et corporalem possessionem predicte terre cum pertinentiis.

20*th May*, 1555.

The said day, the counsell for the maist pairt, beand convenit within the counselhous, all in ane voce, nemmit, electit, and chesit Thomas Menzes, prouest, and Dauid Mar, bailzie, thair commissioneris, coniunctly and seueralie, to ryid to Edinburght to the next parliament, to be haldin thair be our souerane lady Marie, quene drowrear of Scotland, and regent of the same, and be the thre estatis therof, in name of our maist gracious quene

moderne, to begyne vpoune the xxviij day of May instant, and thair to consult, awyse, treat, decerne, and concluid vpoune sic thingis as concernis the publict welth of this realme, and liberties therof, as salbe thocht ganand and convenient be the saidis thre estaitis; and ordinis ane commissioune vnder the townis seall to be maid to thame thairwpoune, with power alse to the saidis commissioneris to compeir and convene in the said toune of Edinburgh with the remanent commissioneris of the burrowis of this realme, to awyse and consult vpon sic thingis as concernis the commound weill of the estait of burgessis, and the libertie and priuileges of burrowis, and to concluid therwpoune, and to desyir in the said parliament sic wrangis, hurtis, and enormiteis, as is done to the said burrowis and inhabitantis therof, to be reformit, and ther auld priuileges and liberties to be renewit, restoirit, apprewit, and confermit; and specialy anent the hurtis done to this burgh of Abirdene, to be reformit, and thair auld infeftmentis and priuilegis, grantit and gewin to thame be our souerane ladyis maist noble progenitouris, to be ratifiit and confermit, lyk as salbe contenit and specifiit at mair lynth in the articles to be maid and send with the saidis commissioneris thairopon; and gyf neid beis, to consent to gif ane honest and decent propyne, gratitud, and contributioune to our said so[illegible]y and regent forsaid, and ratificatioune and confirmatioune of thair auld infeftmentis and priuileges forsaid, lykas salbe contenit and specifiit in the generall articalis to be maid be the saidis haill commissioner[illegible] burrowis, or the maist pairt of thame, and presentit in the said p[illegible]ent heirvpoune. 20th May, 1555.

The said day, the counsell ordanis to be gewin Thomas Menzes, prowest, the sowme of twenty poundis, and to Dauid Mar tene pound, to mak thair expenssis in ryding to Edinburght, as commissioneris for the toune to this nixt parliament; and ordanis the same to be pait to thame with the first accedence of the toune that beis gottin in of the compositionis of fremen to be maid, escheittis or vnlawis quhatsumeuir that first fallis.

14*th June*, 1555.

The said day, Jonatt Portar and Jonett Bailzert, hir seruand, war convickit in judgement, be the depositiones of diuerse famose witnes, for the defaming and myspersoning of James Andersone and Elspett Baldy, his spowse, with veray ewill and injurious langaige, vndvordy of heiring. Quhairfor thay, and ilkane of thame, war in amerciament of court, and the

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bailzies forsaid ordanit the saidis Portar and Bailzeirt, hir seruand, to cum one Sonday nixt cumis, within Sanct Nicholace parroche kirk, in tyme of the hie mess, with ane candill of valx in thair hand, and sit doune on thair kneis in the queir, afoir the guid men of the toune, and aske the said James and his spows forgyfnes, and thair to revock the vordis said be thame vpoune him and his said spowse fals and vntrewe, and requeist the guid men of the toune to cause thame be forgewin; and gyf euer the said Jonett Bailzert beis foundin in the making of sic offencis in tyme cuming, and beis convict thairfor, to be banist of this guid toune.

30th June, 1555.

The said day, Gilbert Collisone, Patrik Menzes, and Gilbert Malysoune, baillies, with awyse of the haill counsell, ordanis fourty poundis to be gewin to Thomas Menzeis, prouest, and Dauid Mar, bailzie, of the rediast and first accidentis and casualiteis of the toune that euer first happynnis to be gottin, and na man to mell thairwith, nor gett part nor profyt thairof, quhill the said fourty poundis be pait compleitly to thame, and that to mak thair expenssis in passing to this present rayd till Sanct Johnstoune, anent the townis bessenes and commound weill therof, and in recompensatioune of thair expenssis of the last rayd thai maid, at command of the counsell, to the last parliament haldin in Edinburght, for the quhilkis as yit thai gat na recompensatioune nor reward, bot of thair awin guidnes hes remittit the same for paiment of the sowme aboue wryttin.

8th July, 1555.

The said day, anent the complaynt gewin in iugement to the baillies be Gilbert Knowis, Duncan Forbes, Gilbert Kyntoir, Alexr. Hay, and Maister Johnne Watsoune, for thame selffis and the remanent heretouris, takkismen, tenentis, and occupiaris of the fysching of the cruwis, vpoun Maister Johnne Chawmer, duelland in Grandoum, for the wrangouss vsing and halding of ane cobill vpoun the said watter, within the boundis of thair fysching, to thair gryt hurt and skayth, quhar neuer na cobill wes vsit nor occupiit obefoir, and tharthrow making new innovatioune by the ald louable vse and consuetude, obseruit in all tymes bygane past memor of man, in hurt and preiudice of the priuilege of this guid toune, as in the said bill of complaynt at mair lyntht is contenit. Quhilk wes remittit and referrit to the sensment and ordinans of the counsell, quhilkis being conuenit for

the maist pairt within the consalhous, all in ane voce, fand and decernit that the said Maister Johnne aucht not to hauld nor vse the said cobill as he dois, and that thair aucht bot ane generawll and commond coble to be vpoun the said fysching, to serff all the possessouris, tenentis, and occupyaris thairof, in tym cumyng, to transport thame selffis, thair seruandis, and thair fysche, als oft as thai haf ado, and that the said new cobill aucht to be removit, destroyit, and away put, in all tymes to cum. And attour it is provydit be the said consell, with consent and assent of the haill possessours, takkismen, and tenentis of the said fysching, that gif the said generall commound cobill beis haldyn or stopput fra ony ane of thame, or thair subtenentis, or seruandis, quhen thai haf ado in tyme to cum, that the haldar or stoppar of the said cobill sall refound and pay to the complenar samekill as he or his serwand will mak faytht thai ar skaythtit at that tyme, throcht wanting of the vse and service of the said cobill, and siclik to be done in all tymes cumyng, without any vder probatioune to be socht bot allanerly the depositioune of the complenar or his serwand. 8th July, 1555.

12*th August*, 1555.

The said day, Alexr. Joffray, Duncane Fraser, Williame Congiltoun, Dauid Saidlar, Johnne Fowlis, Charles Dauidsone, Reche Myln, Alexr. Kemp elder, Alexr. Kemp youngar, Alexr. Kay, and Duncane Colly, baxteris, and ilkane of thame were conuickit in judgement, and put in amerciament of court, for the braking of the commound ordinance and statutis of this guid toune in selling of quhyt breid of less mesour and price nor wes gewin and dewisit be the counsell to thame of befoir to obserf and fulfill; quhairfor thai war in amerciament of court to forbeir in tyme cumyng and amend as law vill, and that wes gewin for dome, and the baillies continewit thair vnlawis to be modifiit be thame eftirwart.

The said day, the haill counsell statut and ordanit that the baxteris of this guid toune sall baik and sell twenty tua vnce of quhyt breid, sufficient stuf, and weill bakin, for four penneis, and tuenty aucht vnce of ry breid, sufficient stuf, and weill bakin, for four d.; and that na breid be sauld be thame quhill thai be considderit and vesit be ane of the baillies; and quhowsone the breid beis takin out of the owne, that ane of the baillies salbe aduertist and requirit to do the same; and that na baxter sall baik ony breid vpoune Settirday befoir tua eftir none; and quha beis fundin cumand in

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the contrar heirof, the haill baikin stuf beand fundin and gottin in his possessioune to be escheit and delt; and gyf ony baxter hawand stuf beis fundin wantand baikin breid, and nocht vsand his craft to serf the toune and nightbouris therof in contemptioune of this ordinance, the sam beand knawin and vnderstand, the haill victuall and stuf beand fundin in his possessioune to be escheit and delt to the puir folkis. And this statut to induir and haf stryntht quhill the fest of Michaelmes nixt cumis, and further induiring the counsellis will.

26th August, 1555.

The said day, Alexr. Reid younger, being accusit be the baillies in judgement for inobedience of Patrik Menzes, bailzie, in executioune of his office, and siclyk for the braking of ward, he being put thairintill be the said bailzie, for the quhilkis he put him in the tounis will, and the prouest and maist pairt of the counsell ordanit him to cum on Sonday nixt cumis within Sanct Nicholace kirk, in the queir therof, with ane candill of ane lib. of wax in his hand, in the tyme of the hie mess, and thair sit doune on his kneis and ask the said Patrik forgyfnes, and requeist the guid men of the toune to cause and solist the said Patrik forgyf him; and gyf euer he beis convickit making sic faill and offence in tyme cumyng, to tyne his fredome and be banyst of the toune.

3d September, 1555.

The said day, Agnes Lowsoune and Johne Abircromy, hir spows, for his interes, beand lauchtfullie warnit to this day for the third and last dyat of proces be Johnne Jenour, officiar, vpoun the quhilkis he maid faith in judgement, to haf ansuerit at the instance of ane rycht venerabill mane, Robert, minister of the Trinite ordour of Faythfurd and Abirdene, anent the claim of ane chalice of siluer, contening fourtene vnces of wecht, quhilk the said Agnes, as is allegit, intromettit with, deliuerit to hir be freir Johne Quhytcors, pertening to the Trinite kirk of Abirdene, with intimatioune gif thai compeirit nocht, the baillies wald proceid and minister iustice in the said mater; and the saidis Agnes and Johnne, hir spous, for his interes, beand oft tymes callit, compeirit nocht, quhairfor the baillie resauit and admittit the said Robertis probatioune; be the quhilk it wes fundin that the said Agnes intromettit with the said chalice, contening fourtene vnce of siluer, and therfor the bailzie forsaid decernit and ordanit the said Agnes and

Johnne, hir spous, for his interes, to delyuer and restoir to the said minister and kirk forsaid the forsaid chalice of fourtene vnce of siluer alse guid as it wes quhen scho intromettit thairwith within terme of law; and gyf the same be destroyit or brokin, nocht gettabill in the sam forme as it ves, that the said Agnes and Johnne, hir spows forsaid, for his interes, sall caus mak ane wther chalice of new, of the samin vecht of siluer, alse guid as the vther wes, and deliuer the same to the said minister and place forsaid. And attour the bailzie decernit and ordanit the said Robert, minister aforsaid, of his awin confessioune, to pay to the said Agnes the sowme of sax lib. Scottis for the said freir Johnne Quhytcors quhilk he wes awand to hir; and the said Robert attour oblist him of his awin guidnes to delyuer to the said Agnes fourtie s. mair nor the said sowme of sax lib. at the restitutioun of the said chalice in maner aboune writtin, sua the same be deliuerit to him with plesour and thankfulnes but ony forthir of cumyr or coist. 3d September, 1555.

The said day, Robert Cunynghame, minister of the Trinite freiris of Failfurd and Abirdene, maid and constitut Maister Robert Lumisden his procuratour and factour, to vptak the mailis, fermes, annuelrentis, profyttis, emolumentis, and deuties, pertenyng to the saidis freiris of the ordour of the religioune in Abirdene, of all termes bygane and to cum, with power to substitute procuratouris to persew the same in the law, gyf neid beis; with power also to the said Maister Robert to beit, mend, and reperell the Trinite kirk and place of Abirdene, and quhat he debursis thairvpoune to be thankfully allowit to him; and alse to sustene the brether of the said religioune in thair cleuthyng and ordinar expenssis, and vther thingis neidfull to thame, takand their acquyttances therof, quhilk salbe alse sufficient as it war deliuerit to the said minister himself, conforme to his directioune and ordinance gevin to the said Mr. Robert theranent, quhilkis siclyke salbe allowit thankfully to the said Mr. Robert, promittand faythfullie to hald ferme and stabill quhat the said Mr. Robert and his substitutis in the premissis lauchtfullie leidis to be done. And this present procuratorie to induir and haf effect ay and quhill the said minister renunce and discharge the same.

4th October, 1555.

The said day, the counsell hawand consideratioune that Sir Robert Bynne, cheplane and singar in thair queir, is vesiit be the hand of God

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Item, it is statut and ordanit, with consent of the haill craft of cordonaris, that na schone be sauld darrer bot the best dowbill scholit schone for men xxxii penneis, mennis singill solit schone tua s.; wemmenis dowbill solit schone ii s., thair singill solit schone xviij d. and xvj d.; barnis schone for xii d., x d., and viij d., efferand to thair quantitie and aige, wnder the paine of escheiting of all schone beand in the possessioune of the braker of this present statut.

Item, that na man gaddir nor hald ony carnis or stanis to ly vpoun the calsay, except thame that ar to big allanerly, wnder the pane of eschaeting therof; and gif ony biggar haldis ane carne of stanis one the streit or calsay attour ane yeir and ane day, the samin to be escheit inlykwyse.

Item, that euerie craft within this guid toune haf ane visitour amang thame selfis, chosin euere yeir anis, quha sell accept the same, and be suorne therto befor the prouest and baillies in judgement, to se that all statutis and ordinans maid one the craftismen of this guid toune be obseruit and keipit; and that, in tyme cuming, thair be na craftisman maid fre man to vse his craft, except he haf seruit as prentise under ane maister thre yeiris, and be found sufficient and qualifeit in his craft to be ane maister.

Item, it is statut and ordanit, with consent of the haill baxteris, beand convenit, that nane of thame pass in the contray to by quhit, of darrer prices bot as tha ma keip and obserf the statut and ordinance gewin thame be the counsale for this present yeir; and alse that nane of the saidis baxsteris by quhit attour his nychtbouris heyd: that is to say, quhair

his nychtbour hes bene to mak ony bying or bergane of quhyt, and bidden ony money thairfor, that his nychtbour bid na mair nor is offerit, nor mak him to by thair, wnder the pane of fourty s. for the first falt, and tynsell of fredome for yeir and day for the secund falt, gif he beis convickit for the same. 4th October, 1555.

Item, that na tailzeour sell ony clayth bot allanerly maid breikis and boxis of tartane or grose claith and lynningis for cleything; and gif ony tailzeour dois in the contrar, to be punist therfor, as forstallaris and regrataris of this guid towne.

Item, that all burgessis remanyng in landwart, and all wtheris hawand takkis, rowmes, steddingis, and proffeittis of this guid towne, cum betwixt this and Mertimes nixt to cum, with thair wyffis, barnis, and howshaldis, and duell, remayne, and abyde within this toune, scoit, loit, walk, and ward with the samin, and be reddy all houris for the defens thairof, and concurring and assisting with the superiouris and ministers of justice tharof for the tym, wnder the pane of tinsell of thair fredomes, takkis, priuilegis, and profyttis that thai haf or ma haf of this guid toune, of the quhilkis thair names followis, viz.: Archebald Rayt, Androw Thomsone in Rattre, Williame Duncan, Johnne Lausoune, Johnne Colle, Thomas Buchane, Johnne King, James Strauquhyn in Innerowry, and George Johnstoune, and ordanit thir names forsaidis to be proclamit opinlie at the mercat croce of Aberdene to the effect forsaid.

The said day, the counsell grantit to thair seruitour, James Nory, singar in thair queir, twenty s., to be augmentit tuenty s. of his fee, makand in the haill four poundis, for his guid seruice to be done in their queir; and ordanis the den of gild to mak him paiment therof, ay and quhill he be dischargit therof.

The said day, Alexr. Rattre dischargit the towne of the sowme of twelff poundis, allegit awand be thame to him of the rest of ane gritar sowme, for his seruice and wagis in passing with the kingis grace to the ilis, at command of the counsell, and of sewin lib., allegit awand to him be the toune for tua monethis wagis, in the tyme that he wes gunnar in thair blokhowse,

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and of all sowmes of money that he may clame or creif at the toune in tymmes bigane; and the counsell remittit and dischargit the said Alexr. of his guid sone John Ewynnis compositione of fremanschip, for the quhilk he com souertie.

14*th October*, 1555.

The said day, the prouest and baillies ordanis Gilbert Colisoun, maister of Sanct Nicholace wark, to delyuer to Patrik Menzeis and Alexander Chawmer, denis of gild, the grit jrne kirk styile to be applyit to the irne wark necessar of the tolbuith; and the saidis prouest and baillies oblist tham in name of the toune that the denis of gild for the tyme sell rander and gyf agane samekill jrne wark to the said maister of kirk wark for the tyme to the necessar beitment of the said kirk quhat tyme and quhow sone it sell hapin thame to haf ado thairwith, be the sycht of the guid men of the toune.

25*th October*, 1555.

The said day, the maist pairt of the consell ordanis Thomas Menzeis, thair prouest, to ryd to Edinburght for defence of the sommondis rasit be Dauid Kintor, Gilbert Kintoir, and Patre Gray, aganis the prouest and baillies of this guid toun, and certane vderis nychtbouris thairof, for the reductione of thair fewis, and the productione of the townis ald infeftmentis; and ordanis the den of gild to deliuer him xx lib. to help to mak his expenssis.

6*th November*, 1555.

The said day, Johnne Chalmer wes accusit in judgement for the myssaying and myspersoning of Dauid Mar, ane of the baillies of the said burgh, with maist wyile and injurious detractioune, sayand that he had takin ane hundreth lib. of money furth of his bag, quhilk wes ane commound theyffis stik, and that he had gewin ane false testimoniall one him to the quenis grace, wnder the townis seill; quhik actioun wes put to the knawlege of the assise aboune writtin, and be the depositiones of diuerse famose witnes, and be the said Johnnis awin confessioune, he wes convickit be the said assise for the myspersoning of the said Dauid in maner aboun writtin, quhairfor he wes put in amerciament of court, and that wes gewin for dome.

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13*th December*, 1555.

The said day, the baillies ordanit Maister Thomas Annand, chaiplane of Sanctiohnne the Ewangellist alter, situate within thair parroche kirk of Abirdene, to the quhilk the toune ar patronis, of his awin grant and consent in judgment, to bring and exhibit befor the counsell, in thair nixt heid court, to be haldin the xiij of Januar, ane litill chalice and ane mekill new chalice of siluer, pertening to the said chaplanrie, to be vesiit be the consell, and to remayne for seruing of the said alter within the said kirk in firmance and keipyng, becaus he hes absentit the same thir diuerse yeiris bygane.

16*th December*, 1555.

The said day, the haill towne beand conuenit for the maist part, chesit and electit Thomas Menzeis, prouest, Maister Robert Lumisden, and Gilbert Collisoune, or ony tua of thame coniunctly, thair commissionaris, lauchtfull and irrevocabill, to compeir and conuene with the remanent commissionaris of the fre burghis of Scotland in Edinburgh, vpoun the xv day of Januar nixt to cum, conforme to ane writting of our souerane lady, Marie, quene drowrear of Scotland, and regent of the same, directit and send to the prouest, baillies, and communite of the said burgh, or quhatsumeuer vder day or dayis, place or places conuenient, quhen and quhair the quenis grace and commissionaris forsaid thinkis expedient, for dressing of appountment, stancheyng of all debait and contrauersie betuix the fre marchandis and craftismen of all burrowis of this realme, for vnite and concord to be amangis thame perpetualie in tyme cumyng. And alsua to consult, awyse, dispute, and ressoune vpoune all sic thingis as concernis the fredome, liberte, preuelege, and publict weltht, of all borrowis of the realme, and for to do, traitt, determe, and conclud thairupoune, for the commond weill of the samin. And forthir, to compleyne and expoyne the hurtis, dampnage, and skaith done in tymes bygane by the burrowis forsaid, and specialy to this burght of Abirden, aganis the strynth of thair ald priuelegis and infeftmentis, and for to laubour remeid thairin, sa far as ma be had; and for to grant to gif ane compositioune, propyne, and gratitud to our said souerane lady, as vtheris commissionaris of burrowis dois and grantis, for reformatioune, in tyme cumyng, of the hurtis, dampnagis, and skaithis don to the burrowis in tymes bygane, restitutione of

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thame to their ald immwniteis and liberteis, and apprewing, and ratefying, and confermyng of thair ald priuilegis and infeftmentis; and generaly to do all thingis concernyng the premissis that the haill communite forsaid mycht do, gif thai war all present in propir personis: promittand faithfullie to hald firme and stabill all and quhatsumeuer thingis thair saidis thre commissioneris, or ony tua of thame coniunctly, lauchfully ledis to be done in the premisses; and ordanis ane commission to be maid to thame vnder the townis commond seill thairupoun.

2*d January*, 1556.

The said day, the haill toun, being convenit within the tolbuitht, thocht neidfull and expedient to big ane brig vpoun the Den burne, at the southwast entre of the toune, as thai cum thairto fra the brig of Dee; and ordanis Maister Robert Lumisden, maister of vark of the brig of Dee, to big the said brig of tua bowis, sufficiently with stane and lyme, with the reddiest of the money that he hes of the mailis of Ardlar, and to by stanis, lyme, and all materiallis neidfull therto; and quhat he debursis on the biging of the said brig to be thankfully allowit to him in his nixt compt; vpoun the quhilkis the said Maister Robert desyrit act of court, in presens of the haill toun forsaid.

27*th January*, 1556.

The said day, the counsell dewysit and ordanit that Alexr. Ruderfurd, Gilbert Collisoune, Patrik Menzes, Walter Cullane, Gilbert Malisoune, and Androw Lowsoune suld pass to Edinburght to the prouest Thomas Menzeis, as commissionaris for the haill toune, to defend the actioun and pley mowit aganis this toun and communite thairof, be Maister Henry Lauder and Maister Johnne Spens, aduocattis to our souerane lady the quenis grace, for productioun befoir the lordis of counsell of the townis infeftment and chartour of thair fischingis of the watteris of Dee and Doyne, efter the forme and tenour of our souerane ladyis letteris of summondis directit aganis thame thairupoune, and thair to consult with men of law, experience, and knawledge, the best way for defence of the said actioune, and to constitut procuratouris, ane or ma, to that effect, and to mak expensis thairupoune honestly as accordis; and the forsaidis expensis to be vptakin of the possessouris of the tounis fyschingis and landis, ef-

fering to the valour therof, and, gyf neid beis, to exhibit and produce the said chartour and infeftment. The quhilk ordinance of the covnsell, the haill toune, being warnit to this day, and convenit for the maist pairt, affermit, apprevit, and consentit therto; and siclyke the saidis commissioneris grantit to pass to address the said bissenes frelie and glaidly, vpon thair awin expenssis, for the weill of the toune, conforme to the townis ordinance and power gevin to thame; aud the haill toune ordanis ane commissioun to be given to thame, vnder thair commond seill, to the effect forsaid. 27th January, 1556.

The said day, Patrik Leslie, in name and behalf of the nychtbouris and puir inhabitantis of this toun, quhilk hes na takkis nor heretagiis of the tounis landis, requyrit the baillies in jugement, in presens of the haill toune, for the copy of the townis commission grantit to the commissionaris to sett the saidis landis in few, allegeand that the saidis puir inhabitantis ar hewilie oppressit and hurt be the possessouris of the saidis landis, quhilkis stoppis and makis impediment to thame to cast, win, and leid fewall, faill, and dewatt, vpoun the commounty of the towne, quhar thai had wont to cast in tymmes bigane, past memour of man, contrar the tennour and stryncht of the said commissioune, and thair few chartouris grantit and gevin thairvpoun, and express aganis the commoun weill of this guid toune, and theirfore protestit solemplie for obseruatioune and executioune of the claussis and restrictionis contenit in the saidis few charteris, and for remeyd of law, quhen tym and place requyris.

19*th March*, 1556.

The said day, Dauid Mar, bailye, with consent, awyise, ordinance, and authorite of Thomas Menzeis of Petfoddellis, prouest of the said burght, and Gilbert Menzeis his bruder, narrest kynnismen and frendis to Androw Menzeis youngar, pupill, sone, and air to vmquhile Androw Menzeis, burges of Aberdene, his fader, and als air to vmquhile Thomas Menzeis youngar, his bruther, ordanit and decernit Thomas Menzeis, tutour of law to the said Androw, to content and pay to Besse Leslie, moder to the said Androw, for his burd, and ordinar expenssis, and cleithing, tene lib. yeirlie, sa lang as he is with his said moder, fra the entre of the said Dauid to the office of tutourie forsaid, and the samin to be allowit to him in his compt.

27th March, 1556.

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The said day, the court wardis and schawis for law, and it wes gewin for dome, that Andro Forbes, duelland at Keythokis mill, hes prowin sufficiently that in the moneth of August or thairby, in the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} fyftie and four yeris, Duncane Colle, baxter, at his awin hand, without any licens of the said Androw, intromettit with ane blak horse pertening to the said Androw, worth tene merkis, at the myll forsaid, and put ane heivy laid of flour one him to be cariit fra the said myll, and in the careing thairof brak his bak wnder Tullidronis hill, throcht weycht and hewynes of the laid, and ewill gyding of the horse, in the said Duncanis defalt, quharfor the baillies decernit the said Duncane to content, refund, and pay to the said Androw the forsaid sowme of tene merkis, ffor the walour and pryce of the said horse, for the caussis forsaid, within the terme of law, and condampnis the said Duncane in the expenssis of court to be taxit eftirwart.

26th April, 1556.

The said day, the court wardis and schavis for law, and it wes gewin for dome, that Maister Edward Menzeis, cheplane of the ruid alter in the organ loft, situat within the parroche kirk of Abirdene, hes provin sufficientlie that he and Schir Johnne Fyff, his predecessour as cheplanis of the said cheplanrie, war in vse, and possessioun of paiment, and vptaking of ane yeirlie annuel rent of xl d. wsuall money of Scotlande off ane land liand in the Grene, on the south part therof, merchand with the land of the quyt freiris on the eist part, and the land of [ ] one the west pairt, pertening sum tyme to Margaret Low, and now pertening to Johnne Barre, quharfor the prouest and baillies forsaid decernit and ordanit the said Johnne Barre, as heretour theroff, to refound, content and pay to the said Edward, as cheplane forsaid, the said annuel rent of xl d. money forsaid, of the termes immediatlie bigane, within viij dayes, and siclyke yeirlie and termelie in all tyme cuming, ay and quhile he be lauchtfullie callit and ordourlie put thairfra be the law ; wpoun the quhilk the said Maister Edward tuik act of court and instrument.

5th May, 1556.

I, James Kennedy, broder germane to Gilbert Erle of Cassillis, and collectour of the taxt of fywe thousand poundis grantit at Edinburgh, the

xiij day of November, be the lordis of the secreit counsell, for furnessing of certane horsemen vpoun the west bordouris, grantis me to haf resauit fra Alexr. M'Cullocht, pursewand, for the haill taxt of the towne of Abirdene, the sowme of thre scoir auchten lib. fyftene s., in haile and compleit payment of thair part of the sowme of the forsaid taxt; off the quhilk sowme I hald me weill content, and pait quyt clames, and dischargis the said Alexr., in name of the prouest and baillies of the said toune forsaid. In witnes herof, I, the said James, hes subscriuit this present acquittance with my hand, at Ed^{r}, the third day of Februar, anno 1556 yeris. Sic subscribitur, James Kennedy. 5th May, 1556.

The said day, compeyrit in jugement Gilbert Kyntour, admiral deput to ane nobill lord, James Erle Bothtwall, gryt admirall of Scotland, and exhibit ane commissioun gewin and direckit to him be the said principale admirall, vnder his seall and subscriptioune manuall, of the dayt at Creychtoune, the xx day of Februar, yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} fyfty and vj yeris, to cognoss and decerne in all thingis concerning his office and jurisdictioun of admiralitie in the north partis of Scotland, fra the north watter of Esk to Ross inclusive, contening power to the prowest and baillies of Abirdein to resaif the aitht of the said Gilbert Kyntoir for trew exercitioun of the said office, quhilk aith the baillies forsaid resauit in iugement, conforme to the said commissioune.

9th May, 1556.

I, Sir Johnne Maitland of Lythyngton, knycht, collector deput to the ressait of the taxt of the burrowis of this realme, grantit in the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} fyfty and four yeiris, be the the tennour heirof, grantis to haf resauid fra Barbara Wdward, spowse of Maister Alexr. Grahame, burgis of Edinburght, in name and behalf of the prouest and baillies of Abirdein, the sowme of thre scoir xviij lib. xv s. wsuall money of this realme as for the first quarter paiment of thair part of the forsaid taxt; off the quhilk sowme of iij^{xx} xviij lib. xv s. money forsaid I hald me weill content and pait, and quyt clames and discharges the saidis prouest and baillies, and all wtheris quhome it effeiris thairof, for now and euer be thir presentis. Subscriuit with our hand at Edinburght, the xxij day of Aprile, the yeir of God m^{o} v^{c} fyfty and fywe yeiris, befoir thir witnessis, Sir Wm. Makdowell, Wm. Pur-

9th May, 1556. vess, and James Causour. Sic subscribitur, Rechert Maitland off Lethyngtoune.

I, Rechert Maitland of Lythngtoune, knycht, grantis me to hafe resauit fra Dauid Mar, bailzie of Abirdene, the sowme of fyftie poundis guid and wsuall money of Scotland, in part of payment of the taxt of the said toun; off the quhilk sowme forsaid I grant me weill content, satisfiit, and pait, and quyt clames, and dischargis the said bailzie and toune, and all wtheris quhome it efferis therof, ffor now and euer, be this my acquyttance. Subscriuit with my hand at Edinburght, the fyft day of Februar, the yeir of God m° v^c fyfty and fywe yeris. Sic subscribitur, Rechert Maitland of Lethyntoune.

I, Rechert Maytland of Lethtingtoune, knycht, collectour to the taxatioune grantit be the thre estaitis for bigging of certane fortis vpoune the bordour, grantis me to haf resauit fra Walter Cant in Leyth, in name and behalfe of Gilbert Collisoune, ane of the baillies of the burgh of Abirdene, the sowme of twenty poundis wsuall money of Scotland in part of payment of thair part of the said taxt grantit be the said burgh of Abirdene to our souerane lady, to the effect forsaid, and be the tenour heirof quyt clames and dischargis the said Gilbert and the remanent baillies off the said toune for euer. Subscriuit with my hand at Edinburgh, the vj day of Februar, anno 1555°. Sic subscribitur, Rechert Maitland of Lythingtoun.

29*th May*, 1556.

The said day, the counsell dewisit and ordanit ane propyne to be gewin to the quenis grace, regent of the realme, vyn, spyc, and wax, extending in walour to the soum of twa hundreth merkis; and ordanis that the haill toune be warnit agane the moro, viz. the penult day of May instant, to the effect that ane taxatioun may be sett upon the haill nychtbouris of this toune, burgessis, and craftismen, for furnesing of the said soume, and that taxtars may be chosin for stenting and setting of the same, conforme to the faculte and substance of ilk persone.

30*th May*, 1556.

The said day, the haill toun beyng convenit, &c., approwit and affermit

the act and ordinance maid be the counsell for gewyng of ane propyne to the quenis grace, at her cumyng to this nixt justice air of Aberdeine, extending in walour to the sowme of twa hundreth merkis, and consentit that thair be ane taxatioun optakin, to furniss the sum, of the haill nychtbouris of the toune, and chesit Thomas Menzeis, prouest, Dauid Mar, Gilbert Collisoun, Alexr. Gray, and Maister George Myddiltoun, baillies of the said burghe, taxtaris, to sett and stent the said taxatioune vpoune all the nychtbouris and inhabitantis of this burgh, efferand to thair faculte and substance; quhilkis acceppit the same, and war suorne therto in judgement. 30th May, 1556.

8th June, 1556.

I, Rechert Maitland of Lethyngtoun, grantis me to haf resauit be the handis of Walter Cant, induellar of Leytht, the sowme of thre scoir sex pundis fywe schillingis, and that in name and behalf of the provest, baillies, counsell, and communitie of the toune of Aberdene, in haill and compleit payment off the sowm of thre hundreth fyfteyne poundis, for thair haill taxt that the said toune wes sett to, in the yeir of God m° v^c liij yeris, for the bigging of certane forthis vpoun our souerane ladyis bordouris, off the quhilk sowm of thre scoir sex lib. xv s. forsaid, in haill and compleit payment, as said is, I hald me weyll content and pait of the rasset therof, and dischargis the said prouest, baillies, and communitie of the said toune of Abirdene off thair haill taxatioune befoir writtin, extendand to the sowm of thre hundreith fyfteine poundis, for now and euer, be this my acquittance, subscriuit with my hand at Edinburgh, the last day of May, the yeir of God m° v^c fyfty and sax yeris. Sic subscribitur,

Rechert Maitland of Letbyngtoune.

17*th July*, 1556.

The said day, the counsell, beand convenit within the consel hovs, decernit and ordanit that Alexander Rutherfurd aucht and suld be obeyit and ansurit in tyme cumyng, induring the yeiris of his assedatioune off Sanct Nicholace mett, baith of strengearis and nychtbouris of this toune, lyk as he hes bene in tyme bygane, vse and vont obefor, conform to the ald statut maid thairwpoun.

18*th July*, 1556.

The said day, the baillies ordanit William Cargyll, in jugement, to pay

18th July, 1556. Alexr. Ruderfurd the dwety of Sanct Nicholas mett, of the quhyt that com hame laytly furth of Danskyn, in ane schip callyt Ly be the Fyir, within xxiiij houris, becaus he confessit that he com souerty for the merchandis thairof to do to the said Alexr., anent the said dwety, all that law wald.

7th August, 1556.

The said day, the counsell, being convenit, chesit Gilbert Collisoun collector and disponar of the taxatioun of twa hundreth merkis, stentit amang the nychtbouris of this guid townn, and ordains to be gewin ane propyne to the quenis grace, regint and gubernatrice of the realme, at this nixt justice air, twa tonnis of wyne, with spycerie and wax, extending to the sowme of tuenty poundis; to Monsor Doysy half ane twn of wyne, ane dossain of torchis, and twa dossund bustis of scorchettis; to the compositouris ane twne of wyne; to the justice clerk ane punsione of wyne.

20*th September*, 1556.

The said day, the prowest, baillies, and haill counsell of this guid toune of Aberdene, being convenit in the chepdour of the gray freiris of the said burght, awysand for the wielfair of the same and liberteis therof, and in speciale tovard the frequenting of strangearis, nocht beand fremen of the said burgh, cumand with thair pakkis of Fransche and Flandris wayris to cut and sell in any day, all in ane voce, hes ordanit and ordanis the prouest and ballies to mak presentlie proclamation at the mercat croce, to inhibit all strangearis nocht being fremen of the said burght, that nane of thame tak on hand to cut, sell, or lay furtht any merchandrices of Fransche, Flandris, or Ingland wayris, bot to sell the same in grit to fremen and breither off gild, vnder the pane of fywe lib. the first falt, ten lib. the secund falt, and escheiting of his geir for the third falt, quha beis fundin doand in the contrar, and that the denis of gild to put thir presentis to dew executioun. And as for Scottis wairis, sic as claith, lynning, and woone, and vder smale cremary, to be sald and vsit be the hawaris therof on the twa mercat dayis, Veddinsday and Settirday only, conforme to the ald louable statutis of this burgh, maid of befoir and obseruit in all tymes bygane.

19*th October*, 1556.

The said day, the haill toun being convenit for the maist part, repre-

sentand the haill body of the toune, grantit and consentit to gyf the quenis grace and lordis componitouris, at this present iustice air, the sowme of thre hundreth and tuenty markis, for thair componitour to the haill nychtbouris and inhabitantis of this toune, for small oppressiounis and lycht offencis allanerlie, becaus thai vnderstand thai ar nocht gilty of slauchteris, oppressionis, nor grit crymes, and that thai suld nocht incur the quenis grace vnkyndnes; and ordanis the samin to be stentit and tane vp off the inhabitantis within this burght and fredome therof, and to that effect chesit Androw Lowsoune, Maister Patrik Rutherfurd, Alexr. Menzeis, Thomas Nicholsoun, Alexr. Andersoun, Williame Forbes, and Mr. James Burnett, taxtaris, to stent and tax the saidis nychtbouris and inhabitantis, ilkane efferand to thair faculte, pussance, profiit, and substance, quhilkis var sworne therto to do efter thair vnderstanding and knowlege. 19th October, 1556.

16*th November*, 1556.

The said day, Johnne Blak, cheplane in the queir of the paroche kirk of Abirdeine, and maister of the sang scuyll thairof, exponit to the baillies and ane part of the counsell present for the tym, in jugement, quhow that the haill brethir of the queir and college forsaid, being chepdourlie conuenit, affermit obefoir, in presens of the prouest, baillies, and haill consell, that thair is certane rowmes and places vacand amangis thame for qualifeit personis, to be resauit and admittit therto be the awyse of the saidis prowest, baillies, and consell. And the said Schir Johne, in name of the haill brether forsaid, presentit in jugement to the baillies, in name of the towne, Maister Androw Gray, as ane cunning and qualefeit perseune, to be admittit be thame to ane place amangis the said brethir of the college forsaid, quhome the saidis baillies and consell present for the tyme admittit therto, he keipand dayly and continuall seruice in the said queir, conforme to the first erectioune and institutioune tharof.

23*d November*, 1556.

The said day, the baillies, with consent of the consell present for the tyme, statut and ordanit, that gif ony persoun or party defendar resauis ony articalis of his party aduersar, to mak interrogatouris thairwpoune, and deliueris nocht the same agane to the covrt clerk within xxiiij houris thaireftir, that the baillies sell exem the witnes producit be the party persewar

23d November, 1556. vpoun the dovble of the articalis, without ony interrogatouris of the party defendar.

2d January, 1557.

The said day, the haill taxismen quhilkis hes fischingis and land takkis in few of this guid towne, being lauchtfullie warnit to this day be the officiaris, personale apprehendit, and at thair duelling places, respectiue, and being convenit within the counselhous of the tolbuith for the maist pairt, it wes exponit to thame be Thomas Menzeis, prowest, quhow thair is ane actioun and pley dependand befor the lordis of counsell betuixt certane nychtbouris of this toune, anent certane fyschingis sett be the toun to vtheris personis thane the ald possessoris therof, and that the prouest and baillies ar summoned for thair interes in the said mater, and to produce the townis ald infeftmentis that thai haf of the saidis fyschingis, as the sommondis raisit therupoune at mair lyncht proportis. Quhilk pley hes bene sumteous and werray coistlie ellis to the toune and to the particular partiis, and the pley as yit takin litill effect, quharthrow standis vnkyndnes and inimitie betuix the saidis nychtbouris and thair assistaris, and grit appeirance cummeris and dampnageis to succeyd and follow thairupoun, aganis the commoun weill of this guid toune and inhabitantis therof; and thairfor inquyrit thaim gif thai wald, for extinction of the said pley, ewading of apperance, damnagis, cummeris, and expenssis, and for vnioun, concord, and tranquilite to be amangis the saidis nychtbouris and thair assistaris in tyme cuming, obtempir and fulfill the ordinans of the counsell deuysit for the appoynting and finissing of the premisses: that is to say, that euery ald possessour of fyschingis or land, quhome fra the same is sett in few ferme to wtheris, sell haf thair awin agane haldin heretably of the toune, and the new heretabill possessouris therof to renunce the same in the townis handis, to the effect forsaid; and the saidis new heretabill possessouris to haf and resawe thair awin money, debursit be thame respectiue obefoir, for thair compositioune and interes siluer, fra the ald possessouris forsaid, accepand the same of new heretably in few ferme. And ane compositioun and contributioun to be collectit and wpliftit of the haill wateris and land takkis pertening to the toune, to be disponit and gevin to the resignaris and ourgewaris forsaidis, in recompensatioun of thair skaithis and expenssis effering to the rait of the same be the discretioun of the counsell.

Quhilkis takkismen and possessouris quhais names eftir followis, that is to say, Thomas Menzeis, Alex. Ruderfuird, Gilbert Collisoun, Dauid Mar, Gilbert Menzeis zoungar, Thomas Chawmer, Gilbert Menzeis elder, Maister Patrik Rutherfurd, Alexr. Knowis, Patrik Menzeis, Walter Cullane, Gilbert Malisoune, Androw Lowsoune, Dauid Menzeis, Maister Thomas Menzeis, George Bisset, Thomas Nicholsoun, Alexr. Menzeis, Johnn Lowsoune, Gilbert Knowis, Johnne Knowis, Alexr. Collisoune, Maister Robert Andersoun, Gilbert Kintor zounger, Patrik Leslie, Gilbert Mar, Alexr. Hay, Alexr. Lowsoune, Alexr. Howesoune, and Androw Lowsoune younger, as the maist pairt of the saidis takkismen and possessouris, grantit and consentit to the said ordinance and payment of the said compositioun and contributioun, sua that the same exceyd nocht the sowm of sex scoir poundis, and the forsaid sowme to be stentit and disponit be the maist pairt of the counsell. 2d January, 1557.

14*th Feburary*, 1557.

I do you to wit that this burgh of Abirdene and inhabitantis therof ar lauchtfullie infeft to vmquhile King Robert Bruce, of guid mynd, quhome God assoilzie, and affermit and ratifiit be wmquhile King James the Third, of ane commond fair and fre market, to begyne vpoune the xv day of October, and to induir and continew for xv dais immediatlie thaireftir, quhairfore the prowest, baillies, and counsell hes ordanit to denunce and proclame the said fair ane fre market to be haldyne yeirlie and perpetuallie frathinfurth, to begine vpoune the said xv day of October, and to continew induring xv dais thairefter, conforme to the infeftment forsaid; quhilkis be thir presentis we deuulgat to be knawin to all and sindrie quhome it efferis.

21*st May*, 1557.

The said day, the secreit counsell vnder writtin dewysit and ordanit Gilbert Menzeis youngar, to ryde to Edinburgh and meyne to the quenis grace and lordis of secreit counsell the grit exhorbitant chargis, taxatiounes, dampnages, and skaithis, be se and wtherwaise, sustenit be this puir toune of Abirdene and inhabitantis tharof within thir quheyne last immediat yeiris, and of the indigence and powerte thairthrow of the puir commonis therof, and to lawbour and solist to gett remytt and discharge of ane pairt of this grytt last taxatioune, of the sowme of nyne hundreth fourty fywe lib., gif ony pairt therof, be laubouris and solistatioun, may be gottin remittit be the

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occationis forsaid; and ordanis the said Gilbert to haf for his expenssis the sowme of twenty lib., and the samin to be debursit and awancit to him be the said secreit counsell in maner following: that is to say, Thomas Menzeis, prouest, fourty s.; Gilbert Collisoun, four lib.; Dauid Mar, fourty s.; Gilbert Malysoune, fourty m[ ]; George Myddiltoun, xl s.; Alexr. Ruderfurd, xl s.; Walter Cullane, xl s.; Androw Lowsoune, xl s.; Alexr. Chawmer, for his fader and himself, xl s.; quhilk sowmes salbe allocat to thame in the first end, and payment of the said greit taxatioun, with thankfulnes and greit fauour because thai debursit the same for the weill of the toune.

16*th July*, 1557.

The said day, anent the supplicatioune and petitioune gevin be Johnne Ictill and Nicolas Watsoune, Inglismen, for thameselfis and the remanent thair collegis and peirtinaris in jugement, aganis Gilbert Menzeis and certane vtheris his coleggis, for the wrangous staying, retening, and halding of thame selffis and thair two Inglis schippis, off the toune of Whytby, in the quhilkis thai arryvit chargit with fischis to the raid of Abirdene, without ony just querrell or caus, as thai allegit, lyk as in thair said peticioune and bill of complaynt exhibit thairupoune at mair lyntht is contenit; the saidis Gilbert Menzeis being personalie present, warnit at the instance of the saidis complenaris, and being inquyrit oppinlie in jugement gif he tuik, stayit, and retenit the said Inglismen and thair schippis forsaid, and desyrit his ansuer thairupoune, and the said Gilbert allegit that the saidis prouest and baillies ar nocht iugis compitent to him in this caus, be ressoune it concernis onlie the jurisdictioun of the admiralitie; and attour, becaus the said Gilbert, as he allegit, tuik and apprehendit the saidis Inglismen within his awin propir landis of Torre, quherof the saidis prouest and baillies hes na jurisdictioune nor power bot him self only, and therfor ar nocht judgis competent to him in this caus; and protestit tharfor quhat the saidis prouest and baillies decernit or decreittit heirintill be nocht prejudiciall nor hurtfull to him; and vnder the protestatioune forsaid, grantit and confessit the staying, arresting, and taking of the saidis schippis and Inglismen as just prysses and presoneiris for thir caussis following: In the first, becaus thair is weir presentlie standing betuix this realme and the realme of Ingland, concludit be the quenis grace and the lordis of Scotland, and recentlie deuulgat; secondlie, gewand and nocht grantand that the weris betuix the realmes of Scotland

and Ingland as yit is nocht deuulgat nor proclamyt of new, nochttheles the veir betuix the two realmes standis realie and in effect, becaus this realme of Scotland hes contrackit na peace with Ingland sen the proclamatioun of the last weiris, bot ar comprehendit wnder the contract of peace maid betuix France and Ingland as frendis and assistaris to the king of France, quhilk band and contract is dissoluit and weir proclamit betuix France and Ingland, and sua our pax, becaus it followit thairupoune, is dissoluit and expirat, and we in the same place we war obefor the contracking of the said peace; and to the verificatioun heirof, euer sen the last proclamatioun of weir betuix France and Ingland thair is sindrie Scottismen and thair schippis, sic as Androw Buik in Aberdene, Duncan Levingstoune and Williame Car in Edinburgh, Williame Trayne in Irvyne, and vtheris, stayit, haldin, spowlzeit, and pillest in Ingland be Inglismen, hawand na vther respect nor caus bot onlie the dissolution of the said contract; thirdly, the said Gilbert allegis and offeris him to preif that the samin personis of thir Inglis schippis, or at the leist the principallis of thame, tuik his broder, Maister Thomas Menzeis, furth of ane Flemyng schip of Flesing, being in the raid of Harrowage, in the moneth of Merche, in the yeir of God m° v^c li yeiris, in tyme of peace standing betuix ws and Ingland, he hawand ane sufficient sauf conduct, and tuik and spoilzett the haill guidis of the said schip pertening to him, extending to the valour of nyne hundreith lib. Scottis, and held him selfe in presoune, in the countour callit the Powtrey, in Londone, be the space of xij owlkis, to his vttir heirschip, without ony recompens of redress of geir or expenssis. And for thir caussis afoir rehersit, and diuerse vtheris ressonable, to be allegit and schawin be him quhen tyme requiris, affermit and grantit the staying, taking, and arresting of the saidis Inglismen, as fyanis and innemeis, and thair schippis forsaid; vpoun the quhilkis granting and confessioun, maid oppinlie in jugement be the said Gilbert, the saidis prouest and baillies tuik act of court and instrument; and thai, togidder with the haill nychtbouris and merchandis of this towne that war present, protestit that thai incur na dampnage, dangeir, nor skaith throw the occasioun forsaid; and gif ony dampnage cumis thairthrow in ony tyme, to cum vpoun the inhabitantis of this burgh, that the said Gilbert be adettit and obleist to vpsett the same, becaus the saidis schippis ar violentlie haldin and stayit be the said Gilbert and his colleggis without ony commissioune of the authorite of Scotland, or of ony juge compitent, and na weir as yit proclamit nor denuncit, as the saidis prouest and baillies allegit, and

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16th July, 1557. insafar as thai had power and jurisdictioun, gaif fre licence ta the saidis Inglismen to pass and repass with thair schippis and guidis at thair awin plesour.

5th November, 1557.

The said day, the consell dischargit Maister James Chawmer of his stall and place quhilkis he hes amang the breither and college of the queir of thair parroche kirk of Abirden, because he wes presentit thairto to teyche the barnis of thair grammar scuill as mayster thairof, and hes voluntarily left the said cuir, and past in seruice in the new college of Ald Abirden, to be ane regent thairin, and sua hes tint and left the said place, and aucht to haf na rowme, place, nor profit therof in tym cuming, to the quhilkis the haill breithir of the said college consentit and grantit, for the caussis forsaid, being chepdourlie conuenit vpoun the vij [?] day of Nouember instant.

The said day, the counsell being present for the tym ordanis the soum of four hundreyth merkis, quhilk Walter Cant is obleist and ackit for to the toune, to be applyit and disponit vpon gunnis, pulder, bullatis, and vder munitionis, for defence of this guid toune and reparatioune of thair blokhows, to resist (gif occasioune occur) the inuasioune of our ald innemeis of Ingland in this trubulowse tym of weir; and the haill counsell war suorne the gryt ayth, be thar handis wphaldin, the holie evangell tuechit, neuer to consent to apply the forsaid soume of momey to na vther vse bot to the effect afoir wrytyn.

23d November, 1557.

The said day, the haill counsell, with ane gryt part of the communitie, being present for the tyme, nemmit and chesit Thomas Mengzes, prowest, and Dauid Mar, bailze, commissionaris to ryd to Edinburght, to the parliament to begyne vpoune the xxix day of Nouember instant; and ordanis thame to haue commissioune of the toune, to conclud, treit, and appoynt vpoun the mariage of our young quenis grace, and as the maist part of the thre estaitis concludis in parliament to be done for the weill of the realme, and forthir, to conclud vpoun all thingis necessar and neidfull for the commound weill of burrowis and of the haill realme.

28th November, 1557.

28th Nov., 1557.

The said day, the counsall ordanis ane wryting to be maid and send to the toune of Dundy, that thai cum nocht heir with thair cremary and merchandoyce at Sanct Nicolace day, becaus it is nocht fair, bot aganis the prevelege and infeftment of the toune, sua that thai mak nocht trawell heir; and to be stoppit, with certificatioun that thai sall nocht be sufferit; and thai to be permittit at the fairis, proclamit, and na wther wais.

29th November, 1557.

The said day, the counsell ordanis Walter Cant to delyuer Thomas Menzes, prowest, and Dauid Mar, bailzie, the sowme of thre hundreyth merkis, to be disponit vpoun gunnis, pulder, and bullatis, be thair awise, in Leyth, and to tak thair acquittance theroff, quhilk salbe sufficient discharge to him, in payment of the four hundreytht markis that he is actit for the tyme to this toune obefoir; and als ordanis the said Thomas and Dauid to by fra Martene Balfwir sax picis of arteilzery, vpoun ressonable pricis as thai cane appunct thairupone.

9th January, 1558.

The said day, in presens of the haill toune, being warnit, &c., it wes exponit to thame opinlie in jugement, be ane honorable man, Maister Robert Lumisden, quhow that my Lord Erll of Huntly hes direckit him to mak requeist to the provest, ballies, counsell, and haill communite of this gud toune, to suffir and tollerat Wm. Lesly, sone and apperand air to ane honorabil man, Johnne Lesly of Balquhane, to occupy the townis landis of Ardlar, without premunitioune to be mayd to him, and the occupyars thairof to remuif thairfra induring the townis will, the said William makand to thaim guid and thankfull payment of the ald maill tharof, yeirlie and termly, in tym cumyng, sa lang as he occupyis the same; and findan responsall burgess men of this burght cautionars and souerteis thairfor, and for pament of the sowme of [ ], restand awand to the toune of byrun mailis thairof, at sic resonabill termes and dais as the counsell will assing to him for payment tharof. And the haill communite of the said burght being particularlie, euery man be himself, votit and inquyrit thairupoun, be the ordour of the suit rol, all maneir of persone refusit allanerlie to gif the said William Leslie ony tytill, tak, tolleranss, or intres to the saidis landis; bot the same to be sett in tak to tennents, lau-

9th January, 1558. borars of the ground, haldan and followand the pleucht with thair awin hands, to be haldyn immediatlie of the toune, for payment of sic mayll and dwety as the toune as thai sell condiscend and appunct thairupoune; and na lord, laird, nor burgess to haf ony tak nor intres thairto, bot onlie the laborars of the ground with thair awyne hands, as said is, conforme to the act and ordinance mayd be the haill toune thairupoune obefoir, quhilk thai var suorn and oblist to obserff, as the said act purports, of the dayt the sevint day of October, the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} xlvij yeirs; and of new affirmit, ratifeit, approvit the said act and ordinans, and the contentis thairof to stand in effect and valour perpetualie in all tyme to cum, and neuer to violat nor abrogat the samen, be coverit craft, ingin, nor color, frathinfurtht, under the paine of periurie, infamite, and inhabilite. Neuertheles Thomas Menzes, prouest, Maister Robert Lumysden, Alexr. Rutherfurd, Alexr. Lyoune, and James Leslie, grantit and consentit that the tennentis that presentlie laubowris the saids lands be sufferit occupy the samen (without premunitioune to be maid) induring the towniss will, thai findan cautionars in this toune for thankfull payment of thair maill, yeirlie and termlie, sa lang as thai sell be sufferit occupy the same, and siclik for payment of the byrun maylis, restand awand to the toune alwais; the said act and ordinans neuer to be violat nor brokin, bot to stand in effect perpetualie in all tym cuming.

26th January, 1558.

The said day, the belmane, &c., warnit all the haill toune to conveyne this day in the tolbuith for sic affairis as accurrit for taxatioun of the taxt now set therwpoune be our souerane lady, and thairefter the prouest and baillie, with the maist pairt of the towne, being convenit, nominat the fywe personis vnder wrytine to set the taxatioun forsaid, and requyrit thame to ressaue the aytht, and to taxt the inhabitantis of this burght. And the provest and baillies causit the officiaris to gif thame charge to accept the samyne; and gif thai did nocht, that the danger that followis thairupone be imput to thame. And the saidis personis refuisit and wald nocht accept the said charge on thame, and thairfor the saidis prowest and baillies protestit that thai incur the danger and skayth that followis thairupoune. Taxtaris: Alexander Rutherfurd, Gilbert Malysone, Thomas Branche, Gilbert Collysone, Walter Cullane.

21st *April*, 1558.

21st April, 1558.

Thir ar the personis nemmit be the haill toune to stent, ilk man of walour of xl lib. in guidis to be wnder the said stent, to furneis vageris extranearis to the nummer of ane hundreytht men, to be haldyne be the inhabitantis of this burght, viz., ilk man eftir his substans: Maister Patrik Rutherfurd, Johnne Lowsoun, Johnne Tullideff, Maister Thomas Synne, Alexander Knowis; quhilkis personis war all sworne to the effect forsaid, except Alexr. Knowis, vpone quhome the provest and baillies . . . . .

13*th May*, 1558.

The said day, James Allane and Mariorie Bryane, his spous, wer convickit, and put in amerciament of court, for the strublens, striking, and bla making of Mariorie Pattoun, induellar of Monymusk, vnder sylens of nycht, within the toune of Futte, and for the wrangous reiffing and away taking fra hir of ane plyd, ane pettioitt, twa curclus, ane collar, ane bukram approwne, ane stomak, ane preyne cod, and xvj d. thairin; and the baillies ordanit thame to restoir the said geir within xxiiij houris, and thair feit to be fetterit and haldine in the goif stoikis xxiiij houris, and thairefter the amendis to be modifeit be the consell.

1st *July*, 1558.

The said day, the baillies decernit and decreittit that Mr. Johnne Reid, cheplane of Sanct Katherinis cheppell, situat within the burght of Abirdene, vpoun Sanct Katherinis hill, hes provin sufficientlie that the passage and commond vennall that passis to the said cheppell, furtht of the Schipraw at the eist part, be ald vse and wont, vnto the Grene at the wast pairt; vpoune the quhilkis his predecessouris obtenit ane decreit obefor aganis Johnne Chalmer, extendit be ald vse and wont to fywe fuittis, quhairby tua men gangand togider mycht easaly pas and repass to and fra the said cheppell, and siclyk ane horse with ane laid at the narrowest pairt of the said passage, and was oppine and patent aboun and vnderneth, redy to all our soverane ladeis leigis that wald resort and hant to the said cheppell and (be that passage fra the Shipraw) to the Grene in tymis bygane, past memour of man; quhill the said Johnne Chalmer maid impediment thairto, conforme to the decreit geivin thairupoune obefoir, of the dait the fyft day of Junii, the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} xlij yeiris; and ordanis the officiaris to put the said decreit to dew executioune, conforme to our soverane ladyis lettres

1st July, 1558. direct to the provest and baillies thairvpoune, the said Johnne Chalmer being lauchtfully warnit to all the dyettis and termis of the process of this pley.

6th September, 1558.

The said day, in presens of Thomas Nicolsoune, ane of the ballies of the burt of Aberdeen, and witnes vnder wrytten, compeirit Martyne Michaelsoune and Herman Geriesoun, indwellaris of the toune of Fleshing, in Zeland, and obleist thame selffs, coniunctlie and seallie, and for bay^{t}. and bay^{t}. forane, thair bodies, landis, guids, to content and thankfullie pay to Johne Tullidaf, burgis of Abirden, or his factours within the toune of Campheir, in Zeland, the soume of twa hundryt four scoir and fywe cronis of the sonne, or thane the wallow thairof, betuix the dait of thir presents and the fest of Sanct Martyne nyxt to cum, and that for the ransoume of Halbert Jansoen, duelland in grit bruik, in Holland, quha layas pledge to the said Jhonne for the said soume, for the said Halbart and his colleggs, quhilk Halbart the said Marten and Herman grantit thayme instantlie to haf resauit, intromettit, and accepit in guid haill, prowiding alwayis that gif the saidis Martyne and Herman bringis and delyueris to the said Jhonne or his factours, at the day forsaid, ane sufficient testemonie of the toune of Hamburt, under the seall thairof, that Jacop Selmor or Dauid Maill, burgis of Hamburt, or any ane of thame, hes gottin and resauit payment of the forsaid sowme of fourten scoir and fywe cronis of the soune, or the wallow thairof, in name and behalf of the said Jhone Tullydaf, to be furtcumand to hyme, in that case the saids Martyne and Herman to be fre and exonerat of payment of the said soume, notwithstanding this obligatioune. And falzeing of payment of the soume forsaid at the day afoir reheirsit, or thane deluiuir the said testemonie at the samyn day, the said Martyne and Herman obliss thame, coniunctlie and seallie, in maner forsaid, to restoir and delyuer the said Halbert to the said Jhonne Tullydaff, in als guid haill as he is now, within the toune of Abirden, betuix this and Zule nixt to cum; and failzeing thairof, to stand dettor to hyme for the said sowme afoir reheirsit, befor thir witnes: William Forbes, Patrik Gray, George Kenadie, with utheris dyueris.

The said day, in presens of Thomas Nicolson, balze, Martyn Michaelsone, skipper of the Flissing schip, grantit and confessit that he resauit in

his said ship, in Zeland, tua punseonis of alme, with certane uther merchandrises fra Jhone Smyt, to be deliuerit to Androw Buk in Abirdene, and that the said Androw hes gottin and resauit bot ane punseoune of the said alme and tenne pound weicht of the wther punseoun, and xlix bollis and ane half boll of gryt salt allanerly, with tua pounds of wat saifroune, and spilt with salt watt, and ane bot of wyne seck, quhilk inlaykit the third pairt thairof; and siclik Zegyr Jansoun, seruand to the said Jhone Smyt, affermit and grantit the same, upoune the quhilkis the said Androw tuk act of court and instrument. 6th September, 1558.

The said day, Martyn Michaelsoune, skipper of the Flissin ship, grantit and confessit him to haf resauit in his said ship, fra Androw Buk, four lasts of salmond, and the rest of his said shippis laidning in skynnis, to be deliuerit to Johnne Smyt, in Flissing, in presens of Thomas Nicolson, balze.

1*st October*, 1558.

The said day, the counsell ordanis the thesaurar to deliuer Maister George Myddiltoun, balze, tene pounds for his expensess in ryding to Edinburt, to convene witht the remanent commissionars of burrowis, conform to his commissioune gawyn hym thairupoune.

3*d October*, 1558.

The said day, Maister George Myddiltoun presentit our souerane ladyis letters impetrat be hym, and be virtu of the quhilkis William Barclay, messinger and shiref in that pairt, dischargit the prowest and ballies, counsell and communitie of Abirdene, of all chesing of the said Maister George in the office of balzerie, or ony wther office within the said burght, during the space of thre yeirs immediately folloving the fest of Sanct Michaell, in the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} fyfty and aucht yeirs, and of thair offices in that pairt, in the meyntyme, for certane causis contenit in the saids lettres. And the prowest, ballies, counsell, and communite soliscit the said Maister George to accept the said office of balzerie for this ane yeir, and grantit and consentit that his saids letters be obeyt and obtemperat at the nixt fest of Sanct Michaell, and haf wynt for thre yeirs thaireftir following, of the quhilks letters the tenor eftir followis.

Marie, be the grace of God, queyne of Scottis, to our louitts William

3d October, 1558. Barclay, Jhone Bessat, [ ] our shireffs in that pairt, conuinctlie and sealie specialie constitut gretting: Forsamekil as be the informatione of our louit Maister George Myddiltoune, ane of the ballies of our burght of Abirden, it is understandit to wit, that the prowest, ballies, counsell, and communite thairof hes chosin hyme in ane of the baillies of the samyn thir thre syndrye yeiris last bypast, quhair throw he hes bene subiect to continuall depending upoune the serwis in the said office within the said burght during the said space, [ ] and grit charge and expensis, and doand na proffiet to hyme selff be his industre and cheng, quhilk he myt have usit outwith our said burght in the meyne tyme, quhar, bye the actis of our parliament it is expreslie providit that all our officiaris within our burrowis salbe chengit yeirle, and swa he aucht not to be contenuit in the said office langar nor the space of ane yeir; and the said Maister George hes nocht land rents within our said burght, but lewis be his industrie furtht of the samyn; and thair is not sic lak of qualifiet men within our said burght, that of necessitie the said Maister George behauit to be contenwit samonye yeris in the said office, quhar thro it appeiris that his contenwance hes procedit mair of his skaytht nor ony zeill of the comand weil; in respect of the quhilks premisses, we exem and discharge the said Maister George all beiring of the office of ballierie, or ony uthir office within our said burght, for als monye yeiris nixt, eftir the fest of Mechelmes nixt to cum, as he buir the said office of ballierie within the saym, in tymes precedand the said fest, vizt., be the space of thre yeiris. Our will is heirfor, and we charge you stratlie, and commandis, that incontinent thir our letters zene, ye pass, and in our nayme and auctorite, discharge the prowest, ballies, counsell, and communite of our said burght of Abirden, of all chessing of the said Maister George, in ballie or ony uthir office within our said burght, during the said space of thre yers nixt following the said fest of Mechalmes nixt to cum, and of thair office in that pairt in the meyne tyme. The quhilk to do we commit to you, conuinctlie and severallie, our full power be thir our letters, delyuering thaim be you duelie execut, and indorsat agan to the berrer. Gewin under our signet, and subscrivit be our derrest moder the quene dourrar and regent of our realme, at Edenburght, the xix of Julij, and of our regne the saxtene yer.

The said day, the prowest, ballies, counsell, and communite, eleckit and nominat Maister George Myddiltoune, balze, thair commissionar, to ryd to

Edinburght, and thair to coneyne with the remanent commissionars of the burrovis of Scotland, conforme to the wryting send to this toun fra the prowest, ballies, and counsell of Edinburght, to consult and advyiss in fynding of the maist easy way and remeid anent the hurt imput on the burrowis to pay the taxatioune of viij pounds usuall money of Scotland to our soverane lady the quenis grace, (quhom God comfort and preserff,) grantit to hir maieste be the mowther estaytis, without adwyiss, calling, or consent of the estayt of burgesses, to the hurt of thair antient liberte and priuelege, quhilk thai haf had past memore of man, and to prowyd reformatioune and remeid thairintill, gif the samen may be had with the adwiss of the remanent commissionars forsaid; and ordanis ane commissioun to be gewin the said Maister George thairupoun, under the townis commoun seill. 3d October, 1558.

7th October, 1558.

The said day, the counsell consentit and grantit to Mr. Johnne Blak, maister of thair sang scuile, ane yeirlie pensioune of tuenty tua merkis usuall money of Scotland for his guid and continuall seruice to be done daily in the queir of thair proche kirk, in the menteinning of Godds [service], and for the lernning and instructioune of the barinss of thir sang scuill, induring all the daiss of his lyftyme, as selbe contenit in his gyft to be maid thairupoun, under the tovnis common seall at mair lyntht; of the quhilk the tenur eftir followis: Be it kend till all men be thir present letters, vs prowest, ballies, counsell, and communite of the burght of Abirdene: Forsamekill as we wnderstand the gud and continuall seruice done till ws be our louit seruitor Sir Johnne Blak, choristar in our queir of our proche kirk of Abirdene, and maister of the myd lettroun thairof, and of our sang scuill, in the menteining and uphalding of Goddis seruice in our said proche kirk, to the honor and gloir of God; and siclik understanding his diligent cair and laubours tane be hym in the instructioune and lernyng of the barins of our said sang scuill, sua that his laubowris ar be the fruit thairof notovrlie knawin till us. Thairfor, and for wthir ressonabill caussis and considerationis mowing us, we haf gewin, grantit, and disponit, and be thir presentis gewis, grantis, and disponis to the said Sir Johnne ane yeirlie pensioune of tuenty tua merks usuall money of Scotland, to be payt to hym of our comound gud be our thesaurar or den of gild for the tyme, at tua usuall termes in the yeir, Wytsonday and Mertimes, be tua equall portionis yeirlie, induring all

7th October, 1558.

the dais and termes of the said Sir Johnnis lyftym, his entre thairto to be and begin at the fest of Sanct Mertyn nixt to cum, in the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} fyfty and aucht yeirs, and thaireftir to continew in peciabill josing and bruiking of the same, but interuptioune or impediment induring the space forsaid, provyding alwyss that the said Sir Johnne remanent personaly with us in our said seruice of queir and scuyll, and continew in his diligentt attendans and cair thairof as he dois presentlie (saiffand the impediment of infirmite or inhabilite of person) induring all the dais of his lyf; and we bind and obleiss ws and our successors to warrand the said yeirlie pensioune of tuenty tuo merks money forsaid to the said Sir Johnne, for the causses abowne exprimyt, induring all the daiss and termes of his lyftyme. Be this our letter of gyft and donatioune, to the quhilks we haf affixit our commound seall at Abd., the sewint day of October, the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} fyfty and aucht yeirs.

8*th October*, 1558.

The said day, in presens of the prowest, ballies, and counsell of Abirdene, conuenit in the chepdour howss within the proche kirk of the said burght, the hayll cheplanis of the said kirk consentit and grantit to gyf to Rechert Reid, singar, the commounds of the stall now vacand, quhilk Maister James Chowmer had obefor the tym he wes maister of thair grammar scuill, and ordanis Maister Eduard Menzes, collector, to ansuer the said Rechert thairof of all termes bygane, sen the said stall and place was found vacand; and the counsell forsaid obleist thaim to stand, concur, and assist with the saids cheplaniss in the defens of the pley mowit be the said Maister James for his pretendit tytill of the said stall, befor quhatsumeuer juge, spirituall and temporall.

21*st October*, 1558.

The sayd day, the prowest, baillies, and counsell devysit and ordanit that all personis that ar mayd fremeand burgessis of this gud toune, remaning in landward and wder wais quher, sell cum at the fest of Wytsounday nixt cumis, with thair wiffis, bairnis, and howshald, gif thai ony haf, to this burght, and mak actuall residens thairin, and scott, lot, walk, and ward, conforme to thair aith, wnder the pane of tynsell of thair fredome, and all takkis, fewis, profytts, and priuileges that thai haf of this

gud toune; and ordanit the samin to be deuulgat and proclamit the morne, quhilk is principall mercat day of the oulk, opinly at the mercat croce, sua nane pretend ignorans of this statut, with certification as effers. 21st October, 1558.

4th January, 1559.

The said day, the haill toune being warnit, &c., it wes exponit to thame be the baillies, be the speche of Dauid Mar, and of the baillies forsaid, and thesaurar of this guid toune, eleckit for this present yeir, quhow that certane strangearis, and sum nichtbours and induellaris of this burght, hes enterit to the blak freiris and quhyt freiris of this town, and spulzeit thair places, and takin away the gere and gudis of the samen, witht the tymmar wark and insicht, togidder with the leid of the kirkis, and now ar enterit upoun the ruiffis of the kirkis and biggings, and takand away the sklayttis, tymmir, and stanis thairof, applyand the samen to thair awin particular uses; and inquirit the toune gif thai thocht it expedient to preserue the saidis tymmir, sklattis, and stanis, and the samen to be intromittit and applyit to the commond warkis of the toune, for the comond weill and utilitie thairof, togidder with the croftis, landis, and emolimentis that belangit the saidis freiris, and the profyttis thairof to be applyit to the commond weill of the toune, and specialy for the furthsettin of Goddis glory, and his trew word and prechours thairof, and that the toune ma be the moir habill to concur and assist for the defence of the libertie of the realme, expelling of strangeris, and suppressing of ydolatrye, and requyrit thaim opinly to declair thair myndis, and conclud quhat thai thocht expedient to be done heirintill. Quhilkis all in ane voce, that war present, except Gilbert Collisone, consentit and assentit that the said Dauid Mar, balze and thesaurar of the toun, suld intromet with the saidis sklayttis, tymmer, and stanis, in name and behalf of the toun, and siclyk to intromett, eir, laubour, and occupy the croftis that belangit the saidis freirs, or sett the sam to lauboraris in tak and assedatioune in the townis name, and the haill profittis of the sam to be applyit in the townis uses, for the commond weill thairof, furth setting of Goddis glorie, and mentening of his word, and defens of the liberte of the realme,; and that no particular persone nor personis be sufferit to intromett with the same, nor na part thairof, frathefurtht; and ordanis publict proclamationis to be maid opinly at the mercat cors heirupone as effeirs, and oblist thaim to releif the said Dauid Mar of all dangeir and damnage that ma follow heir-

4th January, 1559. upone. Extract de libro actorum curie balliuorum burgi de Abd. per me scribam eiusdem subscript.

8th January, 1559.

The sayd day, Dauid Mar, balze and thesaurar of this gud toun, eleckyt for this instant yeir, exponit to the haill toune opynlie in jugement, quhow thai obefor thocht expedient, and devysit that the sklayttis, tymmir, and stanis of the blak freirs and the quhit freirs that ar in place onspoulzet, suld be intromettit witht be him, and applyit to the commound warkis of the toune, upoun the quhilks he culd nocht continewally await, quharthrow thair wald inlayk mekill thairof, without diligent attendance war takin thairto, and requyrit the toune to cheis four personis to awayt on the doun taking and keyping of the samen on the townis expensiss, quhilt thai all thocht expedient to be done; and alsua ordanit the said thesaurer to intromett with the croftis and howsiss belangand to the saids freirs, and apply the mailis and profyttis thairof in the use of the toun, for the commound weyll thairof.

The said day, Gilbert Menzes, youngar, procurator for Thomas Menzes of Petfodellis, prouest of this gud toune, his father, and for him selff, Gilbert Menzes eldar, Maister Thomas Menzes, Gilbert Collisone, Alexr. Chawmer, and Symon Burnat, dissentit to the doun taking of the said religiovs places, and applying of ony part in the townis effeyrs, becaus the same is contrar the mynd of the authorite and manifest tressoune; and protestit for tham selffis and thair adherentis, that quhat dangeir and damnage cumis thair throw on this burght and inhabitants thairof, that thai be saythles and mair no preiudice, bot that the committaris of the cryme ansuer for the deid.

The said day, the ballies protestit in jugement that the protestatioune aboune wrytin be of na effect nor valor, becaus the saids personis maid no resistance at the begynning, nor requyrit the ballies to concur with thaim for resisting, and protestit gif ony accusatioune cumis for the distroing of ony kirk or place in tym cuming, that all thai quhom thai ma proff to haf intromettit witht ony part tharof be accusabill for the same, and ansuer thairfor as participant thairof, nochtwithtstanding ony protestatioun maid be thaim in the contrar, be ressoun the provest is principall of the toun, and

maid no resistens, nor yit did requyr thaim to concur witht hym thairto as thai allegit. 8th January. 1559.

The said day, the haill toune ordanis the four personis, quhilkis war nominat be the counsell obefor, that is to say, Gilbert Collison, Maister George Myddiltoune, Gilbert Menzes eldar, and Gilbert Malysoune, to intromett and resayf in thair keiping the chalices, siluer wark, and ornaments of thair proche kirk, quhill the toune consultit quhat war expedient to be done thairwitht, to be warnit to compeir befor the toune on Fredday nixt cumis in thair gild court, to exhibit the said siluer wark, and restoir the same to the toune, to be applyit in the uses of the toun, for the commound weill thairof, witht dew intimatioune, gif thai compeyrit nocht, the baillies, with the adwiss of the toune, wald decerne heirintill, for the weill of the toune, as thai thocht expedient, and presentlie warnit in jugement *apud acta* Gilbert Menzes, Gilbert Collisone, and Gilbert Malison, personalie to compeir the said day, with certificatioune as effeiris.

12*th January*, 1559.

The said day, Dauid Mar, balze and thesaurar of this guid toune, in name and behalf of the haill toune, being conuenit in thair gild court, desyrit Gilbert Menzes eldar, Gilbert Collisoun, Maister George Myddiltoune, and Gilbert Malyson, quhilkis war eleckit and nominat be the counsell obefor to intromett and keyp the siluer wark and ornamentis of thair proche kirk obefor, to restoir and deliuer the same to the toune, that thai mycht do thairwitht as thai thocht expedient for the commond weill of the toune; quhilkis personis confessit and grantit that thai resauit be deliuerans of the counsell the siluer wark, kapis, and ornamentis of the said proche kirk in keyping, contenit in ane inuitor subscrywit be Maister Robert Lumysden and be Maister Johnn Kennedy, scrib of the toun, and gyff the counsell, in semlabill way conuenit, wald decerne thaim to restoir the same to thame quhom fra thai resauit the cuir and keiping thairof, thai offeirit thaim glaidlie to obey the ordinans of the counsell; and the prowest and ballies ordanit the haill counsall to be warnyt to be conuenit in the counsell hous the morne at nyne hours, to consult and conclud in the premisses, and warnyt so mony of the counsell as war present in jugement, with intimatioun as effers.

12th January, 1559.

The said day, Thomas Menzes, prowest, exponit opinlie in jugement, in presens of the haill toune, quhow in thair last heid court, haldin the viij day of Januar instant, he being absent of the toune excersing his lesum bessenes, quhilk necessite of tym requyrit him to do, the ballies and maist part of the toune hes maid certane publict ordinances contrar the commound weill of this burght, and repugnand to the will of the authorite, specialy anent the dvune taking of the religiows places, and applying of the sklayttis, tymmir, and stanis thairof in the commound usis of the toune, and siclik to bestow and employ the townis commound guid on the sustentatioun of certane prechers; quhilkis ordinances, as he allegit, ar direct contrar the commound weill of this guid toune, and contrarius to the will of the authorite: first, in respect that the begynning of the said distructioune and dissipatioun of the saidis places wes done be certan particular personis, sum extranears and sum dwelling within the toune, quharof the haill communite wes nocht participant, bot for the maist part war innocent and fre of the said cryme; and gyff the ballies and toune wald continew and compleit the distructioune begun by wthers, and employ the residew of the saidis places in the towniss usis, the haill toun vald be reput art and part, and participant of the said crym, and stand wnder the accusatioune of the authorite thairfor, to the gryt hurt, damnage, and detriment of this burght, and the puir innocent burgessis thairof; secundlie, the sayds prechers war tollerat be permissioune of the authorite, quhar and quhow thai plesit, quhill the tent day of Januar instant, be ane contract and appunctment maid betuix the quenis grace and the principalis of the congregatioun, eftir the said tent day is dissoluit and expyrit, and that the toune aucht nocht to mak expenssis on the sustentatioun of precheors, bot the bischop aucht to mak the same, and find us sufficient precheors quha resauis his duety thairfor, and sua to employ the townis commound gude in sic waiss is contrar the commond weill of the toune, and aucht nocht to be allowit to the auditors of the townis compts; thairfor the said Thomas Menzes, prowest, for himself and his adherentis, dissentit to all distructioune and dissipatioun of the saids kirks and places, and applying of the same or ony part thairof in the uses of the toune, and siclik of employing or bestowing of the townis commound gud or ony part thairof on the saids precheors; and he, as prowest, inhibit Dauid Mar, thesaurar, to deliuer ony money or mak expenssis on the said precheors of the emoluments of the toune; and protestit solemptly that he and his ad-

herentis be nocht reput art, part, nor participant of the saidis crymes, nor incur danger, damnage, nor skayth thairfor in tym cuming; upoun the quhilks he tuk act and instrument, in presens of the haill toune. 12th January, 1559.

The said day, Gilbert Menzes youngar, Gilbert Menzes elder, Gilbert Collysoune, Maister George Myddiltoune, Maister Thomas Menzes, Alexr. Chalvmer, Androw Lesly, Androw Buk, Patre Lesly, Androw Huntar, Dauid Collisoune, Maister James Burnat, Maister Robert Chawmer, and Maister Androw Mathow, and Walter Cullan elder, allegit thaimselfs, for the maist part, was absent fra the last heid court doyng thair lesum bissenes, and knew nocht of the publict ordinances anent the doun taking of ony kirks or places, and thairfor adherit to the protestatioun maid be the prowest and affermyt the same, protestand in lyk maneyr for thaimselfs particularly; on the quhilks thai and ilka of thaim tuk act and instrument, in presens of the haill toune. And attour, the saids Gilbert Menzes youngar, Maister George Myddiltoune, and Alexr. Chamer, allegit thai had certan crofts in tak and assedatioune pertening to blak freirs and quhyt freirs of this burght respectiue, as thair assedationis bairis; and protestit quhat ordinans beis maid or hes beine maid be the commonis or be the counsell of this burght in thair absens, anent the saids crofts, be nocht hurtfull nor preiudiciall to thair rychts, and that thai ma haf remeid of law of quhatsumeuir personis that mellis or intrometts thairwitht induring thar taks; apoun the quhilks thai tuk act of court and instruments.

13th January, 1559.

The said day, the haill toune, being conuenit togider in the counsell houss, (except Patre Menzes being absent,) all in ane voce, deuysit and ordanit that Gilbert Menzes elder, Gilbert Collison, Maister George Myddiltoune, and Gilbert Malyson, keipars of the siluer wark, kaipis, and ornamentis of the proche kirk, quhilk thai resauit in keyping obefor be deliuerans of the provest and counsell, to restoir the samen agane to the saids prowest and counsell, quha of new nominat Maister Patre Ruderfurd, Alexr. Knowis, Johnne Lowsoun, and Gilbert Malyson to haf the keiping of the said siluer wark and ornamentis, conform to the inuitour subscrywit obefor; quhilkis personis accepit the cuir and keyping thairof on tham, ay and quhill thai be decernit be the provest and counsell to restoir the same, and band and obleist thaim, and ilka of thaim, thair airs, executors, and assignaiss,

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We, Maister Patre Ruderfurd, Alexr. Knowis, Johnne Lowson, and Gilbert Malyson, burgessis of Abirdene, grantis to haf resawit, be the handis of Gilbert Menzeis eldar, Gilbert Collison, Maister George Myddiltoune, and the said Gilbert Malyson, burgessis of the said burght, at command and ordinans of the prowest and haill counsell, the gryt eucharist chalices and siluer wark, togidder witht the kappis and ornamentis wnder specifit of Sanct Nicolas kirk of Abirdene, in keyping; quhilk we obleissis ws to restoir to the saidis prowest and counsell, convenit in sameabill maneir as thai war be thar ordinans, quhen thai requyre us thairfor, to the quhilk we bind and obleissis our airs, executoris, and assignais, coniunctlie and seueralie, lelye and treuly, but fraud or gyill. Heir followis the inuitor of the said siluer wark and ornamentis: Item, inprimis, the eucharyst, of four pound and two unce of siluer; item, ane chalice of our lady of pity in the wowlt, nyntene unce; item, our lady chalice of the sowth yill, nyntene vnce and ane quart vnce; item, Sanct Peteris chalice, fyftene vnce and ane half wnce: item, tuo pair of censuris, of tretty aucht wnce, togidder witht four crowattis and ane litill schip of saxtene vnce and ane half; item, ane chalice of Sanct Johnne the Ewangelist, thretty unce and ane half vnce; item, the hospitall chalice, sewintene vnce and ane half; item, our lady chalice of brig cheppell, tuenty unce; item, Sanct Duthakis chalice, twelf wnce and ane quarter wnce; item, Sanct Nicolas chalice, thretty nyne vnce and ane half vnce; item, Sanct Clementis chalice, tene vnce and ane quart vnce; item, the Ruid chalice, saxten vnce, all of siluer; item, ane keipe, ane chesabill, witht two tynnakillis, haill fournist with reid weluet, flourit and indentit with gold; item, ane kaip of fyne claytht of gold; item, ane kaip of claytht of gold, fresit with reid veluott; item, ane kaip and chesapill, witht tynnakillis, haill furnist of gold, fresit on grene veluott; item, two keipis of reid veluott, orpheist with gold. At Abd., the xv day of Januar, the yeir of God ane thowsand fywe hundretht fyfty and nyne yeirs, befor thir witnes: Maister Thomas Menzeis, Alexr. Chawmer, William Robertson, goldsmycht, Wm. Barclay, Sir Johnne Collison,

Dauid Collison, Sir William Walcar, and Maister Johnne Kennedy, notar publict, witht vder diuerss. 13th January, 1559.

19*th January*, 1559.

The said day, the provest and ballies ordanit the four officiars to pass with Sir Johnn Collisoun, cheplane of our lady altar, situate within the proche kirk of Abirdene, quhais gift and donatioune thairof perteins to the patronage and dispositioune of this gud toune as patrons thairto, and poynd and distrenze for all annuell rents awand to the said cheplane of thre termes immediatly bygane, conforme to his rentall, and to mak him to be payit thairof incontinent, sa far as restis awand, without forther delay.

23*d January*, 1559.

The said day, the haill counsell ordanis Gilbert Menzes zoungar, maister of the blokhous and keipar of the townis artilzerie, to make the samen reddy and patent to the thesaurar of this gud toune, to the effect that the artilzery ma be sene, clengit, and preparit in all necessaris, to be in reddines quhen the toune hapins to haf ado thairwitht; and ordanis the said thesaurar to prepair the samen on the townis expenssis, quhilk sell be allowit in his compts.

The said day, the counsell concludit, all in ane voce, to wphald and menteyine the gray freirs place within this burght, and to suffer no hurt, violence, nor distructioun be don thairto, to defend the samen at thair wtter pover fra all distructioun and iniur, of quhatsumeuer persone or personis, and ordanit the thesaurar to produce four honest personis to remane thairin and awayt diligently thairupoun on the townis expenssis, becaus the saids freirs hes resignit all thair tytill and interes of the said place in fauors of the toune, to be wnder thair menteinans and protectioune, on distroyit or castin doun; and conforme to the counsellis ordinance, thai ordane to gyf ansuer to my Lord Huntlyis missiue bill send to the prowest and ballies.

20*th February*, 1559.

The said day, the prowest and ballies ordanit the four officiars to pass with the cheplanis of Sanct Nicolas proche kirk, or thair collector, and assist, fortify, and concur witht thaim in poynding and distrenzeing of all

20th February, 1559. personis that ar restand awand to thaim of their annuell rentis, mailis, and duetie of thre termes immediatly bygane, and to compryiss the sam and mak thaim payment incontinent conforme to thair infeftments; and gif ony persone or personis deforsis, to warne thaim to ane court to be haldin on the ground, to heir and se, and recent deforss prowyn on thaim, conform to the consuetud vsit obefor in sic caycis.

8th March, 1559.

The sayd day, the prowest, ballies, and counsell, that war present for the tym, grantit and gayff licens to Patric Menzes to occupy and use Sanct Clements chapel in Futty induring thar vyll, he wphaldand the same watterthect, and quhen thai sall haf ado thairwith, and requiris the same agane, to be randerit to thame at thair will and plesure.

11th March, 1559.

The said day, the haill communite of this guid toune, beyng warnit to this day, and compeyrand for the maist part, grantit and consentit to support the congregatioun, as the counsell sall think expedient, effering to thair pussans and faculte, be sending to thame of certane men of this toune for to stent ane taxatioun to furniss certane men of weir, to be wnder the charge of ane capitane, for defens of the liberty of this realme, and commond weill of this burgh, alwais nocht granting to the said support to interpryss ony purpos aganis the authorite; and thairefter the counsell, being conuenit in the counsell hows, modifyt the said support to the sowme of four hundreth pondis, to be stentit on the haill communite of this burgh, for furnessing of fourtty men of weir to be send to the congregatioun for defens of the liberte of the realm, provyding, as said is, that it be nocht to interpryis ony porposs contrar the quenis grace and hir authorite, and nemyt Gilbert Malysoun, Johnn Tullideff, Wm. Forbes, Androw Huntar, and Patre Gray, taxtaris, to stent the said taxatioun.

The said day, Gilbert Collysoune, in special for himself, tuk act and instrument that he dissentit to sending or furnessing of ony support contrar the authorite of Scotland, bot allanerly refusit the same.

The said day, the haill toune affermit and apprewit the act and ordinans maid be thaim obefor, upon the twenty third day of Januar last bypast,

anent the croftis, howssis, and place and biggings of the blak freirs and the quhyt frers, quhilk act wes opynly red in jugement, nochtwithstanding the personis quha dissentit thairto obefor, inlykwyss of new dissentit thairto; and attour, Gilbert Menzes elder, Gilbert Menzes younger, Alexander Chawmer, and Maister George Myddiltoune, for thaim selffs in speciale, allegit thame to haf tytill and takks respectiue to certane crofts perteining to the saids frers for certane yers to ryn, as thair assedationis bairis, and protestit quhat act or ordinans be maid be the toun be nocht prejudiciall to thair rycht. And Maister Duncan Forbes allegit in likwyiss, that he had ane tytill to the saids crofts; and protestit, that in cace ony particular person or personis mell witht the saids crofts (except the toun and haill communite to bene applyit to the commond weyll thairof), that he ma haf place for his interes, and that his tytill ma be sayf to hym, upoun the quhilks he tuk act and instrument. 11th March, 1559.

16*th June*, 1559.

The said day, the cheplanis of Sanct Nicolass proche kirk of Abirdene compeirit for the maist pairt befoir the prouest and baillies of the said burght, within the tolbuitht, and presentit ane bill and supplication in wryt, makand mentione that quhair thai ar suirly aduertist, and is notowrly knawin, that certane personis in to the southt partis of Scotland hes interpryssit at thair awin hands, without ony ordor or consent of the authorite, to distroy kirks, religious places, and the ornaments and polacie of the same, thairfor desyrand the prouest, baillies, and counsell to provyd the esiast way of remeid, as thai sell think guid, for defending and mentening of thair said proche kirk, and preserving of the chalices, siluer wark, kaippis, and ornaments of the same, and to put the same in suir firmance and keiping quhill the said uproir and tumilt war put to tranquilite be the antient and wyse counsell of the realme. Quhilk bill being red, and the contents thairof understand and considderit, the haill counsell thocht expedient to transport the townis euidents furth of the kirk, and siclyk the the grit occryst, chalices, siluer wark, and the maist coistly ornaments of the kirk, and to put the same in suir firmance and keiping, and ane invitor to be maid thairupoune, and to intromett, preserue, and keip the townis euidentis, nemit and chesit Thomas Menzeis, prouest, Dauid Mar, Maister Patrick Ruyerfurd, and Walter Cullane, quhilkis accepit the said cuir and charge upoun thame. And to intromett with the said siluer wark, kaippis,

16th June, 1559.

and ornamentis, nemit and chesit Gilbert Menzeis elder, Gilbert Collisone, Maister George Myddiltoune, and Gilbert Malysone, quhilkis accepit the said cuir and charge upone thame, to be randerit and restoirit agane, quhen the prouest, baillies, and counsell thinks expedient the same be done.

The said day, the prouest and baillies decernit and ordanit the four officiaris, or ony ane of thame that beis requirit, heirto to pass with the collector of the cheplanis of Sanct Nicholace proche kirk of Abirdene, and assist, concur, poynd, and distrenze all landis and housses within this burght, quhais possessors and occupiars ar restand to thame thair few maills, or annuel rents of the Witsonday terme in anno Lviij yeirs, and of the Mertimes and Witsonday termes last bypast, conforme to the euidents and infeftments maid to thame thairupoune; and to compryiss the geir and guids poyndit be thame, and mak penny thairof and paiment to the saids cheplanis within thre dayess thairefter; and, gif ony persone or personis resists or deforces, to warne thame instantly to ane court of fresche and recent deforce to heir the samyn provin, and iustice ministrat as effears.

3d July, 1559.

The said day, the provest, ballies, and counsell admyttit Maister Johnne Hennerson, maister of thar grammar scuill, to the cheplanry of Sanct Michaelis altar, vithin the proche kirk of Abd., being at the dispoune and donacioun as patronis thairto, and being in thar hands throw the deces of Maister Johnn Watson, last possessor and cheplane thairof, he making seruice at the said altar, conforme to the foundatioune, and vsyng the office as maister of the said scuill, and no uder wyss, and ordinis ane presentatioune to be gewin him thairupoun under the tovnis secreit seall.

14th July, 1559.

The ballies ordanis the officiars to pass with Mayster Hector Myrtoune, cheplan of the Magdalin altar, situate within the proche kirk of Abirdene, and assist and concur with him in poynding and distrenzeing of ane tenement of land within the yard and lichowss thairof, lyand in the Greyne, in the rew passand fra Sanct Nicolas kirk to the quhyt freirs on the eyst syd

thairof, perteining to wmquhill Patre Johnnson, litster, now occupyt be Alexr. Gray, mason, for ane yeirly annuel rent of elevin shillings usuall money of Scotland, awand to the said Maister Hector, as cheplan forsaid, of tua termes immediatly bygane. 14th July, 1559.

18*th August*, 1559.

The sayd day, the ballies decernyt Johnne Durty, of his awin confessioun maid in jugement, to pay Maister Eduard Menzes, collector to the cheplanis of Sanct Nicolas parroche kirk of Abirdene, the sowme of sax merks usuall money of Scotland, for the few mayll of the sayd Johns land, and tenement yard, and pertinents lyand on the southt syd of the Castellgett, betuix the land of Johnne Andersone on the east part, and the land of Johnne Lesly on the wast part, restand awand to the saids cheplanis of the Wytsounday terme last bypast, within viii dais.

30*th October*, 1559.

The said day, Sir Johnne Blak and Sir Johnne Collison, cheplanis, in name of the remanent cheplanis, thair breithir of the college and queir of the proche kirk of Abirdene, gaif and consentit to the ballies and counsell present for the tyme ane bill of supplicatioune, desyring entre to be patent to thaim to the said kirk and queir, offering thaimselffs to do the seruice of God and obserwe thair fundationis according to thair vocatioune and dwety, and desyrit thair ansueir in maist humil maneir, and thairupoun tuk act of court.

22*d November*, 1559.

The counsell ordanis Gilbert Collisoune, maister of the kirk wark, to mend and reforme the kirk wyndois and the leid thak of the kirk, and to find sum remeid to wphald the ruff of the northt yll with propis and scuttis for this wyntir sessoun, quhill fair wedder cum, to mend the samen; and quhat he beis super expendit, the same to be allowit to him in the Mertimes terme last bypast and Witsounday terme nixt to cum, of his half netts fysching of the Mydchingill and his sonis half nettis fysching of the Raik, sa far as he debursis and beis super expendit, quhill the toune may provyd and mak forther reparatioune in the said kirk.

29*th December*, 1559.

The said day, the haill toune being warnit, &c., it wes opinlie exponit

29th Dec., 1559.

and declarit to thame be Thomas Menzes, thair prowest, quhow he is suirly aduertisit that certane nychtbours of the Mernis men and Angouss men, conuenit in congregatioune, ar to be in this toune this present day to distroy and cast doune the kirkis and religiows places thairof, under colour and pretence of godlie reformatioune; and becaus this toune hes no directioune of the authorite of Scotland to assist and concur with thaim in that purpos, bot the same is express contrar the will and mynd of the authorite, and thairthrow is manifest tressoun, the said prowest inqyrit the ballies and hayll [ ] quhat wald be thair part thairin, and gif thai wald concur with him and his assistars for resisting thairof, sua that eftirward this toune aucht incur na indignatioune of the authorite, nor be reput culpabill and participant of the said cryme, and protestit solemptlie gif thai wald nocht concur with him and his adherentis to the effect forsaid, that the accusatioun and participatioun of the said cryme cum on thaim quha will nocht assist to him. Upoun the quhilk aduertisment, requisitioune, and protestatioune the said Thomas Menzes, provest, tuk act of court and instrument, in presens of the haill toun; and, in the meyntym, thir personis following, Gilbert Menzes eldar, Gilbert Menzes youngar, Mayster Thomas Menzes, Gilbert Collison, Maister George Myddiltoune, Walter Cullane eldar, Alexr. Chawmer, Androw Lesly, and Androw Buk, adherit to the said protestatioun, and protestit ilka for thaim selffs, in semlable maner, and tuk acts and instruments respectiue thairupoune.

21*st March*, 1560.

The said day, the baillies and counsall consentit and grantit to augment Maister Johne Hendersoune maister of thair grammar scuillis pensioune quhilk he had obefoir witht the sowme of tuentye merkis, makand in the haill the sowme of fyfty merkis vsuall money of Scotland, and ordanis his interes thairof to be at the feist of Witsonday nixt to cum; and obleissis thame to caus him hawe payment of the annuell rentis and deutice of his cheplanry of Sanct Michell, within thair parroche kirk of Abirdene, of all termes restand bygane, he gewand in his rentale and restis awand to the thesaurar, Dauid Mar; and failzeing thairof, thay ordaine the said thesaurar to ansuer and obey the said Maister Johnne of ten merkis for the said augmentatioun of the Martimes terme last bypast, and the same to be alowit to the said thesaurar in his nixt comptis.

3d April, 1560.

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The said day, anent the bill of complent exhibeit in iugement in wret be certane nychtbouris of the toune, exponand quhow diuerse personis hes biggit and dalie biggis choppis wnder stairis vpoune the forgettis, and thairthrow diminissis the passage of the streittis, to the great deformaty of this guid toune and hurt of the commound weill thairof, aganis the auld statutis and preuilege of the same, desyring thairfoir the prowest, baillies, consell, and communite to put remeid thairto, quhilkis, all in ane voice, grantit and consentit thairto, statut and ordanit that na sick choppis be sufferit ony way to be biggit vpoune the forgettis in tyme cuming; and gif ony be presentlie bigand, the same to be stoppit, stayit, and distroyit; and thai choppis quhilk ar redey presentlie biggit, and the possessouris thairof in possessioune of the same be certane space and yeris bygane, thay ordaine letters of cognitioune to be rasit be delyuerance of the lordis of counsell, or quhatsumewer wther letters may be purchest to diminess and discipat the same, with all wther howissis and biggingis biggit vpon the tounis groundis or comound streittis of the said burght, without sufficient tytile recoverit thairvpoune.

7th April, 1560.

The said day, the baillies ordanit Johnne Lowsoun, thesaurer, to pay and delyuer to Dauid Elleis xxxiij s. iiij d., for the keping of the knok of the tolbuith fra the deceas of Williame Barclay quhill the feist of Witsounday nixt to cum, that thaireftir the consell may tak ordour thairanent.

21st June, 1560.

The said day, compeirit in judgement ane honorabill man, Maister Johnne Forbes of Barns, quha being accusit for the wrangouss cutting of ane nett of the pott, upoun the watir of Dee, be his seruandis in his name, this instant moneth of Junii, as wes allegit, submittand himself, and in name of his seruandis, gif ony wrang wes committit thairintill, to the ordinans of the counsell of the guid toun, and oblist him to amend the skaitht and wrang thairof done to quhatsumeuer persone, be the sycht of Maister Duncan Forbes and Mr. Robert Lumisden. And the said Maister Johnne requyrit the baillies in iudgement to causs the maisters and seruands of the forsaid pot water to desist and ceiss fra forther stelling and stenting of thair netts athort the water, bot as thai aucht to do conforme to iustice, and protestit, gif thai do nocht, for remeyd of law.

30th Sept., 1560.

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Be the lewing Lord, the eternal God, quha [made] hevin and erth and all thing of nocht, and maid men to his awin jmage and similitud, to be just and trew in all promises according to his godlie will, quha also serchis and knawis the hartis and thochtis of men, and hes promesit to revenge falsat and to reward the treutht, I do heir promise and sueir in his presens and his holy angellis, that I sall lelie and treulie, after my wit and power, dewly exerce the office of provestry of this burght for the space of this yeir nixt following, and sall do equall iustice both to puir and rechee, without feid or favour, nor sall nocht spair to exerce the same iustice for luff, hatrent, wynning, tynsell, nor na wther thing ma happin, bot sall treulie sett furtht and meyntene the same, and libertie and priuilege of this burgh, for the commound weill and profytt therof, and also sall mentene and furthsett the fayth and religioune of Jesus Cryst at my wtter power, and sall be innemy to all thaim that resistis and ganestandis the samen. Also I sell assyst, concur, fortify, and furthtsett all thingis ordanit and concludit to be done be the nobile consell of this guid toune in all thingis concerning the avansment of Goddis glory and the libertie and fredome of this burght and communitie thairof, in equite and justice, as my wit, wnderstanding, puissans, and power will serwe me to do, at the will and plesure of God; quhilk I awow and promise to obserwe in presens of God and this congregatioune.

6th December, 1560.

The said day, the counsell, present for the tyme, decernit and fand, for the maist part, that thair suld be na commoune marcatt nor fair be haldin in this toune at this tyme of Sanct Nicholace day, and that na strangearis sell sell ony wairis this nixt Settirday bot Scottis wairis, and that quhill xij houris of the day, except the vairis quhilk thai sell to fre burgesses of this burght in gryt, vnder the pane of tene poundis of thaim that beis conuickit thairin; and this to be intimat to the strangearis be the thesauraris and denis of gild, and that in respect of the commound marcat and publict fair in October; quhilk thai will and ordanis yeirlie to be obseruit.

7th December, 1560.

This dey, Dauid Mar and Gilbert Menzeis elder, grantit thame to haue ressauit fra Gilbert Collisone xviij brassin chandlaris, quhilk stuid one the lang herse in the queir of Sanct Nicholace parroche kirk; tua gryt chand-

laris of Sanct Nicholass hie altar, with the Sacrament chandlar; the gryt chandlar of brass, with the thre floueris; ane pillar of brass, with the imagis and thre cattis, and vther grayth thairof; item, ane lawer of brass; vj jrne chandlaris, with the fuitt of brass of the myd lettrane; sa mony lawaris and throchtis of brass as war left vnsowin, and the water fatt of brass; with the quhilkis the said Gilbert intromettit with in keiping befor, and deliuerit the same to the saidis Dauid and Gilbert, thesauraris of the toune, at command of the counsell. 7th December, 1560.

6th January, 1561.

The said day, the haill toun beand lauchtfully warnit to this day, to heir and se the siluer wark, brasin wark, keippis, and ornaments of thair parroche kirk ropit, and the same to be sauld and disponit to thame that vill offer maist for the same; and the money gottin for the samyn to be applawdit to the commond weill and necessar adois of this guid toun. Quhilkis being ropit conforme to the invitour registrat in the buikis obefoir diuerse tymes be oppin proclamatioun, and diuerse and sindry offeraris for the same lauchfull tym of day being biddin, and detful ordour vsit in sic caissis, being obseruit, the grytest sovme offerit for the same wes ane hundreth fourtie tua pound be Patrik Menzeis for the keippis, xxi s. for ilk vnce of siluer, xvj s. for ilk stane of brass, extending in the haill to the sovme of fyw hundreth xl lib. money of Scotland. Quhairfor the haill town consentit and assentit to deliuer the said siluer wark, keippis, bres, and ornamentis, continit in the invitour forsaid, to the said Patrik of the proces forsaid; and ordanis the money thairof to be deliuerit to the thesaurar to be applyit for the commond weill and necessar adois of this guid toun, as the haill communite sall think expedient.

The said day, Gilbert Menzes and Gilbert Collysone dissentit to the said roiping, selling, and disposicioun, for thame selffis and their adherans, lyk as thai haue discentit and protestit in sic caicis ewer obefoir, as thai alleigit, and tuk act of court tharwpoun.

13th January, 1561.

The said day, Thomas Menzeis, prowest, exponit in jugement how he and the baillies, in name of the toune, hes coft twa Frenche schippis of wyne, and can nocht gett the same ressauit be the merchandis nychtbouris

6th January, 1561. of the towne for the owtred of the strangearis, to the gryt hurt and sclander of this toune, and requirit all the nychtbouris present to accept and resaue the said wyne, ilkane ane pairt thairof, effering to his substance; and protestit, gif thai wald nocht, that it suld be lesum to the saidis prowest and baillie to dispone the wairis and merchandrices of quhatsumeuer schip coft be thame eftirward to the resawaris and payaris of the said wyne, and thai to be first seruit thairof befoir ony personis that refuissis to resaue ane pairt of the said wyne.

9th February, 1561.

The said day, the counsell modifeit the expenssis of Thomas Menzeis, prowest, and Dauid Mar, bailzie, in ryding to Edinburght to labour and solist at the quenis hand and the lordis of secreit counsell, anent the freiris, croftis, and places, to the sovme of thre scoir poundis: that is to say, fourtie pound to the prowest and twentie pound to Dauid Mar; and ordanis the thesauraris to ansuer thame thairof, quhilk sall be allowit to thame in thair nixt comptis.

23d February, 1561.

The said day, Patre Menzeis, thesaurar for this instant yeir, in name of the toune, resauit fra Thomas Menzies, prowest, the obligatioun maid be Maister Patre Rutherfurd, Alexr. Knowis, Johnne Lowsoun, and Gilbert Malysoun, anent the receawing be thame in keiping of the gryt ewcharist, challicis, and siluer wark, keipis, and ornamentis of thair parroche kirk of Abirdene, lykas in the said obligatioun, of the dait the xv day of Januar, the yer of God m. v^{c} fyftie and nyne yeiris, quhilk wes deliuerit be the ordinans of the consell, and thai dischargit the said prowest thairof.

16th March, 1561.

The baillies decernit Schir William Walcar to deliuer Patre Menzes, as thesaurar in name of the haill toun of Abirden, the geir and guidis vnder wrytin: that is to say, ane croce of siluer; the forclayth of the hie altar; four coddis of welout, tua blak and tua reid; ane arress bed; ane siluer spune; the mort stand: and siclyk ordanit Gilbert Collysone to deliuer the said Patre the beriall within xxiiij houris.

The baillies ordanis Hector Dolloquhy, quha wes convictit obefoir for

the striking and bluid drawing of Elspett Irving, to cum vpoun Sonday nixt cumis to Sanct Nicolace kirk, and ther, in presens of God and his holy congregatioun, ask the said Elspet forgifnes, and to revoik the injurious wordis said be him as fals and vntrew, and to sett cautioun, that gif ewer he beis fundyn in sic offens in tym cuming, to be baneist furth of this guid toune. 23d February, 1561.

18*th March*, 1561.

The said day, Johnn Lowsoun, bailze, in name and behalf of him self, Mr. Patre Rutherfurd, Alexr. Knowis, and Gilbert Malysone, keiparis of the siluer wark, keipis, and ornamentis of the paroche kirk of Abirdene, continit in thair obligatioun maid thairvpoun, of the dait the xv day of Januar, the yeir of God m° v^c fyfty nyne yeiris, deliuerit the said siluer wark, extending to sexteine scoir of vnce and ane quarter of vnce of clene siluer, togidder with the keipis and ornamentis foirsaid, at command of the counsell, to Patrik Menzeis, thesaurar of the said toun, quha had coft the same be oppin ropping in jugement abefoir, as the act maid thairwpone proportis, and wes dischargit thairof, and resauit the forsaid obligatioun agan befoir thir witness: Gilbert Malysone, Johnne Tullidef, Mr. Thomas Fynny, Mr Edward Menzes, William Robertsoun, and Patre Malyson, goldsmythis, and Maister Johnne Kennedy, notar publict, with wther diuerse.

18*th April*, 1561.

The said day, the haill towne, being convenit for the maist pairt be sound of the hand bell, ordanit Dauid Mar, thesaurar of this guid towne to reseawe and vptak the maillis, fermis, proffittis, and dewiteis of the freiris croftis, to be applyit to the townis vtilite and proffitt, aye and quhill he be dischargit; and Gilbert Menzeis and Gilbert Collisoune disassentit thairto, lykas thai haue done in all sic actionis concerning the intromissioun of geir belanging to the kirk, and protestit that thai be dischargit therof.

The said day, Johnne Dunce, skipper of the schipe callit the John, quhilk brek in Ingland, presentit ane bill of complaint and petitioun in jugement contrar Patre Menzeis, John Lowson, and Androw Buk, awnaris of the forsaid schipe, of the quhilk the tennour followis: My lord prouest and baillies of this noble burght of Abirdene, vnto your M[ ], humelie

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menis and complenis, I, John Dunce, indwellar of this noble burght of Abirdene forsaid, vpoun Androw Buk, Patrik Menzeis, and Johnne Lowsoun, burgessis of the samyne, and awnaris of ane schip callit the John, that quhair in the moneth of September last wes or thairby, I beand skipper of the schipe, for the time in the port and hawin of Danskin, for the weill of the said schipe, saiffity of the merchandis and marineris of the samyn schipe, beand stowit onder bayth eftir and befoir, with merchandyce, hawand bot ane ouerloft, and na [ ] onder, for saiffity of the saidis merchandis and marineris fra the cald the lang wyntir nicht, I biggit on the said schipe ane fordyk for saiffity, as said is, the quhilk was necessar, and the expenssis and tymmer thairof (by my awin labouris and biging therof my selff, the quhilk tyme the tymmer men thairof wes deidlie seik), extendit and was wortht four poundis Scottis or thairby, to the quhilk bigging and mending of tymmer wark of the samyn, I wes nocht conducit and hyrit. Quhairfor desyris your M[ ] to considder gif the awnaris thairof aucht and suld pay me the said sowme for the biging of the said fordyk, and gif sic necessar expenssis, maid in tyme of neid be the skipar, aucht and suld be payit again be the awnaris, and to content me for my lawbouris done thairin; the quhilk thay wranguslie and aganis the law, postponis and differis to mak me paiment thairof, without thai be compellit be justice to the samyn. Beseikand you heirfore to decerne and compel, be justice, the saidis awnaris to refound and content to me the foirsaid sowme, in so far as thai will grant, or I may sufficiently preif, for the caussis and ressonis forsaid, togidder with ony expenssis of court; and is content that this my petitioun pas to the knawlege of ane assise. Quhilk actioune and clame, with consent of bayth the saidis parteis, and their procuratouris, wes admittit to the decisioun and knawlege of the assyse aboun wrytin, chosin, suorne, and admittit in jugement, quhilkis acceppit the matter on thame, and out of court removit and ryply awysit with the depositionis of the witnes producit for the pairt of the said Johne Dunce, and with the obligationis and ressonis of bayth the saidis parteis enterit in court, fand and deliuerit for the maist pairt, and pronuncit be the mouth of Alexander Knowis, chancellor of the said assise, that the expenssis maid be the said John Dunce, skipper forsaid, vpoun the making of the said fordyk, wes necessar and expedient to haue bene done, and thairfor ordanis the saidis Patre Menzes, Johnne Lowsoun, and Androw Buk, to refound to him the same. Quhilk deliuerans the prowest and baillies ac-

ceppit and interponit thair authorite thairto, and ordanis the same to be execut. 18th April, 1561.

3*d May*, 1561.

The said day, compeirit in jugement Thomas Christall, burges of Abirden, and exponit to the baillies quhow that he wes informit that Joachin Racho, steirsman of ane schipe of Trailsound, the skipper callit Henrik Bodiger, now beand in Abirdene, presentlie had maid narratioun vpoun the said Thomas to the king of Denmarkis captanis, and vtheris his grace officiaris, that he had spulzeit and takyn furtht of ane schipe of Rosto, in ane sound of Norway callit Skau Sound being for the tyme, vpoun the space of alewin yeir bygane, the said Henrik beand skipper of the said Rosto schipe for the tym, and Claus Normond, boittis man of his schipe for that samyne tyme, xv dayis befoir Witsonday, the sowme of thre hundreth dolouris, or thairby, in victuallis and merchandryce; quhilkis allegations and narratioun the said Thomas Chrystall exponit quhow that thairefter he had incurrit gryt skayth, trublis, and inconvenient throw the said allegations, and als had fundyn cautioun to ansuer to all vtheris quha had allegit ony wrang done to thame be the said Thomas in tyme of weir, desyring the baillies in jugement to accuse and inquyir the said Joachin Racho gif the said narratioun maid vpoun the said Thomas wes trew concerning his awin pairt. Quhilkis accusatioun and allegens being exponit in jugement to the said Joachin be Robert Jak, dwelland in Trailsound, and interpreter of the said Joachim's language for the tyme, declarit and maid oppin confessioun in jugement that he newir knew the said Thomas nor saw him befoir, and wes newir skaythit be the said Thomas in ony gudis and geir, the valour of ane dens quytt, bot that he had confessit that the samyn tym thair wes takin furth of his said schipe bot thre barrell of beir and tua barrell of flesche, bot nocht be the said Thomas. Vpoun the quhilkis depositioun and confessioun, the baillies inquirit the said Joachin, be the moutht of the said Robert Jak, interpretour forsaid, gif he wald mak faytht gif his depositioun and confessioun wes trew, that he had schawin and confessit in jugement to the baillies, and knew na thing to the said Thomas bot all guid; and als the baillies forsaid inquyrit of the said Joachim gif he confessit the same for feir, or gif he wes compellit be ony vtheris to confess the same; quha maid fayth in jugement, in lykwayis, that he wes newir tracht nor compellit thairto, bot maid the same confessioun

3d May. 1561. for the zeill of justice. Vpoun the quhilkis confessioun of the premisses the said Thomas desyrit testimoniall of the prowest and baillies, quha decernit him the same vnder thair secreit seall, and this wes done in presens of Henrik Bodiger, skipper; Clause Medro, his clerk; Hanse Wolf, skipper of ane schipe of Grippis Wald; James Gowan, in Trailsound; Johnne Ancroft, William Ancroft his brother, in Grippis Wald; and Robert Jak, in Trailsound; with vther diuerse.

10*th October*, 1561.

The sayd day, anent the bill of desyir exhibit to the counsell be Robert Johnstoune, for makking of ane skaymlis of tre at the fysche cors, for laying of the quhyt fysche tharupoune, and halding of the calsay clene contigue thairabout, for ane small duety paying to him of euery fische creill and hors laid of fysche in the xxiiij houris, the counsall, all in ane voce, grantit to the said bill, and ordanis the said skaymlis to be maid honestly as efferis be the said Robert, vpoune his expenssis, for the quhilkis he to haf ane penny of euery creilfull of fysche, and tuo pennis of euere hors laid of fysche that cumis to the mercat to be sald euery xxiiij houris, and that na quhyt fysche be sald bot vpoun the said skaymlis, paying thairfor the said duety; and the said Robert paying thairfor yeirly to the toune and thesaurar thairof the sowme of fourty schillingis vsuall money of Scotland, the first terme of payment to be at the fest of Wytsonday nixt to cum, and wphaldand the said skaymles vpoune his expenssis; and ordanis ane assedatioune to be maid to him thairupoun, for the space of fywe yeiris immediatly following the dayt of thir presentis.

The said day, the prowest, bailyeis, and counsall, hawand consideratioun of the murmour and complaint of the nychtbouris and merchandis of this burght, anent the bying of schippis arrywing to this port, and indiscreit distributioune to the nychtbouris of the wairis and merchandrises thairof, for the cummodite of certane particular personis, aganis the commoune weill of the toune, it is dewysit, statut, and ordanit be the saidis prowest, baillies and counsell, with consent of the haill merchandis and brethir of gild, apprewing and affirming the same in jugement, convenit in thir gild court, that quhatsumewir schip of gudis sellabill arrywis to the port, hevin, or reyd of this burght, chargit with quhatsumeuer merchandrises, the entre thairof salbe gewin to the townis customer, quha sall present the

same to the prowest and baillies, and thai, or ony ane of thame, to by the samyn fra the strangearis, and the samin being bocht to be distributed in maner following: that is to say, the haill brethir of gild, merchandis of the toune, vsand trafique of merchandrise, to be dewydit in four quarteris, and euerie quarter to haf ane schippis laydning thair tyme about, of quhatsumsumeuer wares and merchandrises, without the respect to quantitie or gudnes, bot ilk quarter to haf the schip that chances to thame, and cavillis to be castin quhat quarter sall begyn and quha sell fallow; and the bailze of the quarter that fallis to him be cavill to mak distributioune, be consideratioune and discretioun of him self and two or thre with him of the counsell that beis in his quarter, for eschewing of murmour; and na mercheand nor burges to be obeyit of any pairt of the saidis merchandrises, bot thai that duellis and remanis actually within this burght. And quhat quarter refusis the schip bocht be the baillies, or quhat merchand refuissis to resaiff his pairt calculat to him be the bailze, of ony schippes warres quhatsumeuer that chancis to cum, and to pay therfor as is bocht, the refusar to haf na pairt of ony merchandryce that chances to cum for the space of ane yeir thaireftir. And gif ony persoun passis to the rayd or hewyn to cheup or mak bergane, or quyat pactioun, with the strenger, he to pay tene poundis for ane vnlaw, and the guiddis that he byis to be eschaittit, and he to haf na pairt therof nor of na wther for a yeir thereftir. And this present ordinans sall remaine and continew in effect for ane yeir eftir the dait of thir presentis, and, gif it persistis and continewis langar, the quarter that restis unseruit begin the nixt yeir, keipand the same ordour of this yeir. 10th October, 1561.

11*th October*, 1561.

The said day, it is statut and ordanit be the prouest, baillies, and counsell, that in tyme cuming, induring the space of ane yeir, that the malt and meill cuming to the toune to be sauld sall be sett, sauld, mett, and mesourit in the gray freiris place, and nocht put in na wther houssis, nor na skaiffry, sic as sampill and scheit schakin, to be tane thairof in tym cuming, and the samyn to be mesourit with ane straik mett corresponden to the hep mesour, to be maid be the awyis of the baronnis and gentill men of the contra that hes victuall to sell; and siclyk ane ressonabill metsor to be maid to be takin for the handfull takin be the belman, sua that na caus of complent ma be alleigit eftirwart of extorsioun done to wictuall sellaris, and alsua for the eschewing of dartht of victuallis and wther inconvenientis considerit be the

11th October, 1561. saidis consell appeiring to be; and ordinis the officiaris and ane of the baillies at the lest to be present ewerie mercat day, to se that ordour and guid distributioun be maid to serf the nychtbouris of the toun. And ordinis the thesaurar and his collectouris in his name to tak ane hard heid of ewery laid of wictuall, and to charge himself thairwith in his comptis, and that for eysing of the saidis wictuall sellaris, and relewing of thame of the auld skaifrye ten obefor and panis tene in mentenyng of the said ordour.

13*th October*, 1561.

The said day, the baillies decernit and decreittit that Alexr. Forbes, sone and air to vmquhill Patrik Porbes, burges of Abirdene, hes sufficientlie prowin and werifeit that the said wmquhill Patrik had thir geir and gudis onder vrytin in his possessioun the tyme of his deceise, or at the leist the yeir of his deceis, pertening to him as his awin proper gudis, and aucht and suld pertene to the said Alexr. as air to his said wmquhill father: that is to say, ane targat of gold, ane vop of gold, ane siluer spune, ane horse, ane caldrone, ane mekile pot, ane litile pott, ane mekle pan, ane lytile pan, ane charger of tun, ane plait of tun, ane dische of tun, ane sasar of tun, ane mekyle spitt, ane lytile spitt, ane pair of vax, ane roist irne, ane taingis, ane ewil cruik, ane pair of pot bulis, ane pair of peper curnis, ane girdile; ane furneist bed, with scheittis, blankattis, bowster, fedder bed and coddes, covering, curteingis, and beid scheittis; ane furneist buird, couerit with neipry, with seruettis, and transchouris effeiring thairto; ane gardnett of tun, ane cunter, ane kist, ane coffer, ane press, ane almary, ane vairsta, ane maill fatt, ane malt fatt, ane flesche fatt, ane fische fatt, ane knappiskua, ane govne of Frensche blak; ane blak bonnet, lynit with weluott; ane pair of hoise of blak Flemming, streikin owt, with blak tefetie; ane belt, ane purse, ane sark, ane nycht curche, ane basin of brace; ane cort stop, ane poynt stoip, ane chopin stoip, all three of tun; ane wesching twell, twa chandelaris of brass, ane salt fatt; with the quhilkis Besse Lowsoun, spous to the said wmquhile Patrik, and now spous to Patrik Menzeis, intromettit thairwith, quhawfor the baillies decernis and ordanis the said Besse Lowsoun and the said Patre Menzes, for his interes, to content, deliuer, and pay to the said Alexr. the said airship geir and gudis, as air to his said vmquhill father, or the just valour and pryce thairof, within terme of law, and condamnis the said Besse and Patrik in the expenssis of pley to be taxit eftervard.

22*d October*, 1561.

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The said day, Johnne Myln, cordonar, wes convickit in jugement be the haill assise afoir wrytin for the casting of fyir in his awin bed, and for ane vnlauchtfull nychtbour, and ane commound ressayttur, quhairfor he wes in amerciament of court to forbeir in tyme cuming, and amend as law will, and that wes gewin for dome.

27*th October*, 1561.

The said day, the prowest, baillies, and counsell, decernit and ordanit Alexr. Cullane, thair nychtbour and comburges, to haue the keiping of the half of thair commound seall, quhilk Androw Cullan, his grandsir, and Walter Cullan, his guidsyr, had in keiping obefoir, to be observit and keipit be him in tyme cumyng, and vsit as the counsell and communite thinkis expedient, and nocht to be takin fra him without ane notable falt be committit be him in keiping therof, and the same be knawin to the haill toune, conforme to the last act maid be the counsell at the deliuering of the said half seall to his said guidsyr, of the dayt the aucht day of October, the yeir of God ane thowsand fywe hundreyth fourty and sax yeiris; and that in respect that it is considderit and knawin be the consell that the said Alexr. is potent and strenzeabill in fyschingis, landis, and guidis to ansuir for the same, and qualifeit to succeyd in offyce, cuyr, and dignytie in the place and rowme of his saidis grandsir and gudsyr; and decernit this act and ordinans to be intimat to the haile communite of this burght on Fredday nixt cumis, or in the nixt court quhen thai ar convenit for thair approbatioun therof; vpoun the quhilkis the said Alexr. askit act and instrumentis in presens of the haill consell.

The said day, the prowest, baillies, and consell ordanis Johnne Mylne, quha wes convickit obefoir for ane onlauchfull nychtbour, and for putting of fyir in his duelling hous in the Neddirkirkgett, to remowe furtht of the same, with his geir and gudis, within xxiiij houris, and to remowe furtht of the same quhill the consell prowyd vther remeid for the said offens.

10*th November*, 1561.

The said day, the prowest and baillies hawand consideratioun that all the stretis and gettis within this burght suld be keipit clene, without myddingis

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or ony sic fylthines, at all tymes, thairfore commandis and ordanis the four officiaris to tak ane poynd wortht aucht schillingis, of ilk persoun within this toun quha beis fundyn gadderand myddingis on the gett, or leis mwk, yird, aise, or ony sic filthines, in ony pairt of the quenis gett, in ony tymes cuming, and to be poyndit alse oft as thai be foundyn doyng the samyn. And the saidis prowest and baillies, for certane ressonabile causis mowing thame, gifis and grantis all the said wnlawis and poyndis to the saidis four officiaris to thair vtilite and proffytt, prowyding alwayis that gif in ony tymes cuming myddingis, mwk, yeird, aise, or ony sic fylthines beis fundyn vpon ony pairt of the quenis gett, in that cace the saidis officiaris to be poyndit for the samyn, be warding of thair personis in the tolbuytht als oft as salbe thocht expedient be the saidis prowest and baillies; and ordanis the hand bell to pass this day throcht all the streittis of the said toun, to mak aduerteisment heirof to all the inhabitantis of the samyn.

14*th November*, 1561.

The baillies ordanis Robert Jak, tailzeour, *alias* Cleythaneucht, quha wes convickit be ane swovne assise as ane briggan and ane commound nychtvakar, and for rubbing and spulzeing of certane personis, vnder sylens of the nycht, to be baneist of this guid toune for his demeritis and crymes forsaid; and Gilbert Menzeis elder, and Johnn Fraser, laxfischer, become cautioneris and souerteis that the said Robert sall nocht be found within this toun in tyme cuming, onder the pane of four hundreyth merkis.

18*th November*, 1561.

The said day, George Gardyn of Banquhorie, astrikand him to the iurisdictioun of Abirdene in this cace, become cautionar and souertie to the prowest and baillies of the said burght, in name of the haill toun, for Peter Howatt, quha wes found be the saidis prowest, baillies, and consell as a saillar in brigacie, and that the said Petir in all tymes cuming sall abstene fra all maner of sic cryme, and speciallie within this burght of Abirdene, sall nocht be found committand the said cryme, or ony wther cryme criminall, vnder the pane of ane hundreytht merkis vsuall money of Scotland, to be takin and luftit vp of the said George Gardyne as propir dett to the said town and thair communite; for the quhilkis the said George Gardyne is obleist be the tenour heirof; and inlykwyis Nicol Gardinar, Alexr.

Downy elder, Thomas Diksoun, Johnne Donald, Alexr. Smyth, and Michell Howat obleist thame and ilkane of thame for thair awin pairt, conunctlie and seueralie, to releif the said George of all the premisses. 18th Nov., 1561.

8th December, 1561.

The said day, Mariory Rattrey, dochter to wmquhill Johnne Rattrey, being sworne, grantit and approwit that George Scott in Auchery, within the paroche of Crowdan, maid newer na appunctment nor contrak with hir, nor scho with him, of mereage, nor yit ony promise thairanent, and thairfoir renuncit, dischargit, and quietclamit him for ewer, and obleist hir, be the fayth and trewth of her body, that scho sell newer call, persew, nor molest the said George in tyme cuming for mereage, nor na wther promeise, nor yit mak to him ony impediment, bot suffer him to marry, without lat or stop, quhome ewer he pleissis, for the quhilk James Symsone is become cautionar and souertie; and ather of the saidis partiis dischargit wtheris of all dettis and intromissionis that hes bene betuix thame in tyme bigane, to the day and dait of thir presentis, except the sowme of fourty merkis awand be the said George to the said Mariorie, therof the said Mariorie hes resauit twenty merkis presentlie at the making of thir presentis, and obleist him to pay hir the wther twentie merkis restand at the feist of Witsonday nixt to cum, or within twentie dayis thaireftir, for payment of the quhilk Johne Nicolsoun is become cautionar, souertie, and dettour, to be payit at the terme forsaid; and the said George obleist him to releif the said Johnne Nicolsoun thairof at the terme forsaid, befoir thir witnes, Johnne Parke elder, William Hay of Auchery, William Broun in Blakhouse, Johnne Pattoun in the Merniss, and Maister Johnne Kennedy, notar publict, with wther diuerse.

12th January, 1562.

The said day, Thomas Menzeis exponit to the consell that he is suirlie informit that the quenis grace is to cum to the north partis to vesy the same, betuix this and Peace nixt to cum, or thairby, and that it is nocht onknawin to thame of her grace honorabill resauing at her first entry, and prencely propynis giffin to hir grace, in Edinburght and Dunde, and vther townis that hir grace hes veseit, and inquirit thame quhat thai thocht expedient to be done thairanent. Quha all in ane voce dewisit and ordanit the sowme of twa thousand merkis to be vpliftit for the preparatioun and decor-

12th January, 1562. ation of the toun, and to be propynit to hir grace, as vise hes bene in tymes bypast to be done to kingis and princes of this realme at thair first entre, with consultation to be had quhair the said sovme may be best easalie collekit and gottyn.

20*th January*, 1562.

The said day, in presens of the haill communite of this guid toun, being varnit, &c., Thomas Menzeis, prowest, exponit opinlie in jugement, how that thair nychtbour and guid friend, Maister Duncan Forbes, had purchest at the handis of our souerane lady the quenis grace, ane letter of factorie, to intromet with the mailis, fermes, and dewtice, of all and sindrie the croftis, riggis, and ruidis pertening sumtyme to the freiris predicatouris, and carmelites of the said burght, of certane termes and yeiris bygane, and siclyk yeirlie and termelie in tyme cuming, ay and quhill ane generall ordour be maid thairanent, ; and hes purchest, and causit proclame our souerane ladyis letteris vpoun all the tennentis, possessouris, and occupearis of the saidis croftis, to answer and obey the said Maister Duncane of the said mailis, fermis, and duetyce, onder the pane of rebellioun and putting of thame to the horne. And alsua, as is allegit, the said Maister Duncane hes purchest and obtinit ane heretabill tytill and gift of propertie of the saidis croftis, with the freiris places and yardis thairof, and that in recompensatioun of the seruice done to our souerane lady and hir grace mother, quene drurear and regent of this realme, and requirit the counsell and haill communite quhat thai thocht expedient to be done thairanent, in presens of the said Mr. Duncane Forbes, quha effermit the declaratioun forsaid maid be the prowest and baillies, and that he had acceppit the saidis croftis be gift of our soverane lady, in recompensatioun of his fee and service bipast, in respect that thair wes diuerse particular personis, as he alleigit, laborand diligently for the recouering therof to thame selffis, for thair awin singular veill. Nochtwithstanding, gif the communite of this guid toun dois purches and recower be ony way the saidis croftis and places at the handis of our soverane lady, for nocht or for ocht, to be applyit for the commound weill of the haill toun, in that cace he is contentit to demit his rycht, titill, and interes of the saidis croftis and places, and sell nocht labour in thair contrar in obtening thairof, thai obtenand and purchesand the samyn betuix this and the feist of Pace nict to cum, and wes contentit and obleist him that na executioun of his saidis letteris of horning suld be

maid nor vsit in the meyntyme quhill the said feist of Pace, and protestit gif the communite labouris nocht the same to be dun in maner forsaid betuix this and the said terme of Pace, that it be lesum to him to stik with his rycht and defend the same, and execut his saidis letteris without thair gruige or indignatioun. Eftir the quhilkis declaratiouns the haill communite that wer present, all in ane voce, consentit to send commissionaris to the quenis grace, and to gif ane supplicatioun to hir grace, delaittit with guid narratioun and trew report of the mater, for purchessing of the saidis croftis and places to the communite and commound veill of this burght, gif the same may be had at hir grace handis frelie of hir grace guidnes and liberalitie; and gif the same may nocht be purchest frelie without gratitud and compositioun, to offer hir grace guid deid, gratitud, and sic pecuniall compositioune as the saids commissionaris may maist easaly appoynt and condescend thairanent. And to that effect obleist thame selffis to contrabut and pay (or it saill) lergelie of their geir and guidis, for the purchessing and obtening of the saidis croftis and places, sua the samyn be applyit to the communite and commond veill of this burght; and to the effect aboun wrytin nominat and chesit Thomas Menzes and Valter Cant commissionaris, and ordanis ane commissioun to be maid to thame thairwpon, onder the townis commound seall, togidder with certane articalis and informatioun to be gewin thame in vryt be the consell thairanent, and thai to ryd vpoun the townis expenssis, to be modifeit be the consell. 20th January, 1562.

6th April, 1562.

The said day, James Leslie presentit and gaif in ane supplicatioun in jugement to the prowest, baillies, counsell, and communite, desyrand ane pece west ground lyand within the fredome of Abirdene, vpoun the northt syd of the fuill cassy, merchand with the Spittell, heretable in few, to big ane barne and barneyard thairopoun, for payment of sic few maill yeirlie as the counsell wald devyise. And it wes thocht expedient that the counsell and sa mony vtheris as plesit suld pass vpoun Settirday nixt cumis to the said pece of west ground, and vesy and consider gif the setting of the same in few be hurtfull to the inhabitantis of this toun and fredome thairof, other in casting of fewall or pasturing of guidis, sua that thairefter ma be gewin ane sufficient answer to the said James desyir and supplicatioun. And alsua the saidis visitouris to consider the day forsaid all command ven-

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nallis within the toun, and all commound gettis within and about the toun, gif the same be onywayis stoppit, condamnit, distroyit, or demineist aganis the auld wse and consuetude had thairof at ony tymes bypast, in hurt of the inhabitantis or quhatsumewer passingeris, sua that remeid may be put thairto thaireftir be the awyise of the counsell.

The said day, comperit in jugement Thomas Nicolsoun, and producit in presens of the haill communite of the said burght, convenit in thair heid court, ane vryting subscrywit with the handis of the maist pairt of the counsell of the said burgh, contening thair obligatioune and faithfull promise maid to him, of the nixt vacand profyt, other land or wattertak, that happinnit to fall in the townis handis, at thair dispositioun, for sic caussis as ar specifeit and continit in the said vryting. And because the said promise and obligatioun concernit the haill communite, the said Thomas desyrit thame of thair gudnes, and for his seruice bigane, that thai wald ratify and approve the same, and gif their wryttis and consentis thairto, and mak him securite thairwpone, conforme to the contentis therof, of the quhilk the tenour followis: We prowest, baillies, counsell, and communitie of Abirdene, hawand respect that the peice west ground, lyand within the fredome of Abirdene, besyd the Keppillhill, desyrit in few be our weilbelouit nychtbour, Thomas Nicolsoun, ane of the baillies of our said burght, is of small valour, and yit the setting thairof in few may be hurtfull to our nychtbouris hawand land adiacent contigue thairto, and thairfor hes solistit the said Thomas to desist fra the persuit heirof; quherfor, and for wther ressonabill caussis mowing ws, and speciallie because the said Thomas hes done guid seruice baith to the toune in tymes bypast, to his gryt expenssis (vnrecompensit as yit), and hes borne office of dignitie and charge of this guid toune, and sustenit ane honest rowme amangis ws, thairfor we bind and obleis ws and our successouris to gif the said Thomas the nixt vattertak or land tak that hapnis to vaik, and be thir presentis giffis him our voittis and consentis thairof, he payand thairfor yeirlie sic maill and duetie as the same presentlie payis allanerlie, without ony compositioun or interes siluer, and sell mak him suir securitie thairupone, according to the vse of this burght; to the quhilk we bind ws faithfullie, but fraud, gyll, or contradictioun to be maid in the contrar, be this vryt, subscriuit with our handis at Abirdene, the last day of September, the yeir of God m° v^c and saxtie yeiris. Quhilk vryting being opinlie red, in presens of the haill communitie, considerit and vnder-

stand be thame, thai thocht and declarit the same ressonabill, and ratifeit and apprewit the same in all poyntis, and grantit and gaue thair fre consent and faithfull promise thairto, obleissing thame and thair successoris for observing and completing thairof, and decernit ane gift and securitie to be maid to the said Thomas thairupoune, wnder thair commond seall, and ordanis the keiparis thairof to seall the same, vpoun the quhilkis the said Thomas desyrit act and instrument in presens of the haill toun. 6th April, 1562.

4th May, 1562.

The said day, John Kelo, belman, wes accusit in jugement for the passing throw the rewis of the toune with the hand bell, be oppin voce, to convene the haill communitie, or sa mony thairof as wald convene, to pass to the wood to bring in symmer upoun the first Sonday of Maii, contravinand the actis and statutis of the quenis grace and lordis of consell, eppeirandlie to raise tumult and ingener discord betuix the craftismen and the fre burgessis of gild, and the saidis craftismen to dissobey and adtempt aganis the superioris of the toun, gif it stuid in thair power, as the saidis prowest and baillies ar informit, the said Johnne hawing na command of the saidis prowest and baillies to do the same; and inlykwyise Alexr. Burnatt *alias* Potter wes accusit for passing throw the toun with ane swech, to the effect and occasioun aboun wryttin. Quhilkis Johnne and Alexander confessit the samyn, allegiand thai did the samyn of na ewill mynd, bot conforme to the auld vse, and be command of Johnne Grant, quha is ane fre burgess and brothir of gild, and had done na wrang thairin, as thai alleigit. And the said Johnne Grant inlykmaner beand accusit for giffing command to the saidis Johnne and Alexander, as is aboun wrytin, and passing throw the toun fortifeing and mentening thame as he mocht, to the effect forsaid, grantit and apprewit the same, and denyit ony wrang done be him thairintill. Quhilk mater wes put to the decisioun and knawledge of the assise aboun wrytin, chosin, suorne, and admittit in jugement, quhilkis acceppit the said mater on thame, and efter detfull consultatioun and consideration ryplie awisit, enterit in court, fand and deliuerit, all in ane voce, be the mouthit of Gilbert Menzeis elder, chancellor of the said assise for the tyme, that the saidis personis had grytlie wrangit in the committing of the said enormitie and heycht atemptat, but the awise of the prowest, baillies, and superioris of the toun, quhairfor thai and ilkane of thame wer in amerciament of court, and that wes gewin for dome, and the modificatioun of

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the amendis referrit to the discretioun of the consell. Quhilkis thaireftir beand deulie convenit, discernit and ordanit the saidis personis to compeir vpoun Sonday nixt cumis within the paroche kirk, and thair, immediatlie aftir the preaching, in presens of the congregatioun, grant thair said offens, as done throw ignorance, and vpon thair kneis ask God and the congregatioun forgifnes, and obleist thameselffis thair, opinlie, that gif thai be convictit for sic offens in tym cuming, to tyn thair fredome, proffit, and prevelege of this guid toun, and to be separat and exulat fra the societie thairof frathinfurtht; and quha of thame dissobeys the said ordinance, to incur the samyn pane, but fauer or request to be hard in the contrar.

8th May, 1562.

The said day, the haill toune being convenit, &c., consentit, grantit, and ordanit that the haill money gottin for the siluer wark, brassin wark, keipis, and ornamentis of thair paroche kirk, being in the handis of Patrik Menzes, thesaurar to the toune presentlie, be disponit and applyit vpoun the biging and restaurectioun of the peir and key heid of the said burght, and of the brig of Done, and of the arteilzery and munitioune pertening to the toune, and the said mony nor na pairt thairof to be applyit to na wther wse; and chesit Maister Robert Lumisdene, maister of wark to the said brig, and Thomas Nicolsoun and Androw Buk, maisteris of wark to the said key heid, arteilzery, and munitioun, quha acceppit the samyn; and ordanis thir forsaidis to be done with all diligence, and the said thesaurer to answer and obey thame of money for performing thairof, and the samyn to be allowit to him in his nixt comptis.

The sayd day, the haill toune being warnit, &c., grantit and consentit, all in ane voce, nane opponanand in the contrar, to sett heritable in few ferme, to Thomas Branche, his airis, and assignais, all and haill the sklaythous, callit the kirkludge, lyand at the wast pairt of the north syd of Sanct Nicolas kirkyard, betuix the land of Johnne Kennedy on the northt part, the quenis commound gett on the vast part, and the said kirkyard on the eist and southt partis, conforme to the said Thomas petitioune and supplicatioune gevin thairwpone; and ordanis ane few chartour to be mayd to the said Thomas, his airis and assignais, thairwpone, contening sic conditions and clausis as the counsall sall think expedient, and referrit the modificatioune of the yeirlie few maill to be payit thairfor to the discretioun of the

counsell, quha modifeit the same to the sowme of fyfty thre schillingis iiij d., to be payit at Wytsonday and Martimes, be two equall portionis as vse is, prowyding alwais that thair be no entre in tym cuming to the said land on the eyst syid therof, nixt the kirkyard, bot only in the wast syd therof. 8th May, 1562.

16*th June*, 1562.

The said day, George Burnatt, in presens of Dauid Mar, bailze, and witnes wnderwrytin, compeirit and obleist himself faythfullie to accept Mariorie Mair, his spous, in his familiar cumpany and hartlie fauour, and intreit hir in bed and buird, luf and kyndnes, godlie and fauourable, as it becumis ane mareit man to do to his wyf, remittand all offenssis and elestis done be hir in tymes bygane, quhidder the same wes trew or not, and neuer to imput the same to hir charge in tyme cuming, nor yit sell moif ane cause of diuorce aganis hir in tymes cuming, nor yit sell moif ane caus for na occasioun bypast, afoir the dait of thir presentis; to the quhilk the said George obleist himself, vnder the pane of ane thousand pound vsuall money of Scotland, to be payit to the said Mariorie, quhilk sowme the said George grantit him to hawe resauit fra the said Mariory, provyding alvayis that gif it beis sufficientlie verefyit and prowin that in tyme cuming the said Mariory keip nocht hir body clene to hir said spous, bot chances to commit the cryme of adultery, of the quhilk he hes bene vrangouslie informit in tymes bygane, in that cace the said George to be fre of his band and obligatioun; and it sall be lesum to him to moif ane caus of diuorse aganis the said Mariory, and scho neuer to haue ony pairt of his geir nor guidis thaireftir in tym cuming, the said crym being notorlie knawin to the honest men and consell of this toun; to the quhilk the said George grantit and consentit befor thir witnes, Gilbert Menzes elder, Thomas Branche, Vm. Menzes, and Mr. John Kennedy.

10*th July*, 1562.

The said day, the baillies decernit and decreittit that Mr. Eduard Menzes, cheplane of Sanct Androwis cheplanrie, within the paroche kirk of Abirdene, fundit be vmquhile Johnne Mar, hes prowin sufficientlie that he is lauchtfullie infeft in ane annuell rent of ten schillingis vsuall money of Scotland, of all and haill ane tenement of land pertening to the chaplanrie of the Thre Kingis, lyand in the Gallovget, on the west syd therof, betuix the land of vmquhill John Crag on the northt part, and the land of Andro

10th July, 1562. Crafurd on the south part, and the quenis commond yettis on the eist and vest pairtis, now pertening heretablie in few ferme to Dauid Vmfra and Andro Hervy, and ordanis him to be payit and obeyit therof in all tym cuming.

24th July, 1562.

The said day, Johnn Chalmer wes accusit in jugement, at the instance of the thesaurar and dene of gild, and Dauid Mar, bailze, in name of the haill toun, for the iniuring of diuerse nychtbouris and inhabitantis thairof in deid, and sklandering of thame in word, and for mischawing of himself in sic sindry wayis, sua that he is ane unlauchtfull nychtbour, and aucht nocht to be sufferit to pas at liberte within this burght. Quhilk the said Johne denyit, and offerit him to vnderly the censment of ane assise, gif he be culpabile in the premissis; quhilk actioun wes put to the decisioun and knawledge of the assise aboun writin, chosin, suorne, and admittit in jugement, in presens of the said Johnn, quhilk accepit the said mater vpon thame, and out of court removit, and efter lang and detfull consultatioun, ryply awisit, enterit in court, fand and deliuerit all in ane voce, be the mowtht of Gilbert Menzes, chancellar of the said assise for the tym, that the said Johnn Chalmer is ane insufficient and vnlauchfull nychtbour, and aucht nocht to be sufferit to pass at libertie in this toun, to commit sic misordour and enormiteis as he daly committis and dois, for the quhilk the said John wes convictit and put in amerciament of court.

17th August, 1562.

The said day, the prouest, baillies, and counsell ordanis Patre Menzes, thesaurar, to send Maister Dauid Borthuik, procuratour for the toun in the cause of varandice mowit aganis thame be Wm. Forbes, to defend the said mater, sax pound Scottis, and to the man that bairis the samyn to him with the townes informatioun, and to pas to Striveling with vrytingis of the townes to the Erll of Marr, the sovme of threttie s., quhilk sall be allowit to him in his nixt comptis.

26th August, 1562.

The said day, the haill toune being conuenit for the maist pairt, representand the haill body of the communite, it wes exponit to thame be Maister Robert Lumisden, in name of the haill counsell, quhow that the

propyne devysit to be gevin to the quenis grace, and preparatioun of sic thingis as is devysit agane her first entre to this burght, will exceed in expenssis the haill sowme devysit to that effect, or that ma be purchesit or had, other of the common guid restand of forhand, or of the taxacioun and contribution of the toun alreddy stentit and vpliftit of the nychtbouris and inhabitantis thairof, and that thair is diuerse and sindry personis sett and stentit in the taxt roll, sum absent of the cuntrey, and otheris remaining in landwart, quhais taxatioun can nocht be had to prepair the said decoratioun, in consideratioun of the schortnes of the tym, quhilkis personis the counsell hes ordanit and decernit to haue tint thair fredome, and all proffit and privilege of this burght in tyme cuming. And thir premissis, and vtheris respectis considerit be the counsell, it is thocht be thame and knawin to inlaik the sowme of tua hundreytht merkis and mair, to furneis and performe the said decoratioun, as is necessar to be done for the honour of the toun; and that the said counsell hes bene diuerse tymes convenit and consultand togidder quhair the said sovme mycht maist easelie be had, and hed concludit the maist easiest and convenient way for hawing thairof wes to sett the small custumis in formaling for the space of ten yeiris, and the four mylnis of the toun in assedatioun for the space of nyntene yeris, and that to Thomas Menzeis of Petfoddellis, thair prowest, he furnesand the said sowme, and deliuering the same to the townis thesaurar, with all diligens to prepair the premissis, because the time is schort. And inquirit oppinlie the haill communite gif tha wald condiscend and assent to the said consultatioun and devyce of the consell, or gif thai wald fynd ane vther mair easie and convenient way to the effect forsaid. Quhilkis being oppinlie and particularly, every man be himself, inquyrit heirvpon, grantit and consentit thairto, and thocht the same expedient all in ane voce, except thir personis following: that is to say, Maister Duncane Forbes, Thomas Rolland, Walter Lowsoun, Johnne Tullydeff, Androw Brechin, and Walter Cullan, quhilkis disassentit and opponit in the contrar therof, and the remanent of the haill communite ordanis ane commissioun to be maid, vnder thair commond seall, to the commissionaris chosin for this instant yeir, to sett the said small fewis in formaling to the said Thomas Menzes and Gilbert Menzes his sone and appeirand air, for the said space of ten yeiris nixt and immediatlie following the dait of thir presentis, quhilk sell be thair interest thairto; and alsua, the saidis four mylnis in tak and assedatioun to the saidis Thomas and Gilbert for the said space

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26th August, 1562. of nyntene yeiris nixt and immediatly following the feist of Witsonday nixt to cum, in the yeir of God m° v^c saxty and thre yeiris, quhilk sell be thair interes thairto, for yeirlie payment of the sowme of threttie aucht markis vsuall money of Scotland, for the saidis milnis, and that becaus the said Thomas Menzes his father and predecessour had the said small custumis and mylnis in tak and assedatioun obefor, and yit the said Thomas is in possessioun thairof, and villinglie to do for the same as vtheris nychtbouris of the said burght dois, and hes done, for thair natiwe takis and kyndlie rowmis, effering to the rait and valour thairof.

2*d September*, 1562.

The said day, the prowest, baillies, and counsell, being conuenit in the conselhous within the tolbuytht, ratifeit and approvit of new the act and ordinans maid obefoir be the counsell in fauouris of Gilbert Malysoune, makand him sersour and visitour to considder and try gif all salmound barrellis maid be the couperis that passis furth of Abirdene and fredome thairof be sufficient and of the just masour of Abirdene: that is to say, ellevin gallownis and half galloun to be mesurit with the commoun jrne and gage of this burght, and brynt with the markyne jrne therof, as the statut maid thairwpon of the dait the nynt day of Februar, 1536 yeiris, proportis, and the haill counsell wes contentit and assentit that the said Gilbert surrogat and deputt in his place, to wse the said office, Alexander Malysone, his sone, the said Gilbert standand, as he is presentlie obleist be his landis and guidis, for dew administratioun of the said cuyr and office, conforme to the said statut in all punctis; vpon the quhilk the said Gilbert tuik act and instrument.

18*th September*, 1562.

The said day, the haill counsell, being convenit, hawand consideratioun that Thomas Menzeis, prowest, hes debursit and deliwerit to the townis thesaurar the sowme of fourtie poundis vsuall money of Scotland for the girsum of the townis mylnis, set to him in assedatioune for the space of nynteine yeiris, for payment of the auld maill, and forther hes debursit the sowme of fourtie markis Scottis money, makand in the haill the sowme of tua hundreyth markis for the weill of the toune, to be applyit for the decoratioun thairof at our soverane ladyis first entres thairto, and hes na ganis nor profit for the said sowme of fourtie merkis, quhairfor thai discharge him

of the malis of the said mylnis, extending to the sowme of threttie aucht markis, for the space of ane yeir nixt following his entre to the saidis mylnis, continit in his assedatioun forsaid, and ordanis the said thesaurar to gif him ane sufficient acquittans thairvpon, and to deliuer him instantlie tuentie sax s. viij d., in compleit payment of the foirsaid soume of xl markis. 18th Sept., 1562.

The said day, the prowest, baillies, and counsell, with consent and assent of the haill communitie, decernit that all personis that ar fremen and burgessis of this burght, and remanis nocht actuallie within the same, nor yit scottis, lottis, walkis, and wardis, nor payis nocht thair taxatiounis as the remanent burgessis and nychtbouris of the toun dois, quhais names efter followis, to haue tynt thair fredome, becaus thair hes bene diuerse statutis and ordinances maid vpoun thame obefoir to hawe cum and remanit within the said burght, and maid actuall residens thairintill, scottit, lottit, walkit, and wardit, and payit thair contributionis and taxationis as said is, at ane certane terme, of lang tym bygane, and diuerse publict proclamationis being made thairopoun, and thay contempnandly heis disobeyit, and wald be na way obey the saidis ordinancis, and speciallie hes nocht contrabutit with the toun in paying of thair partis of the stent and taxatioun laitlie wptakin to be gevin and disponit to the quenis grace in propyne, and decoratioun of the toun at hir grace first entre thairto; and ordanis William Barclay, officiar, to pas the morne, quhilk is the mercat day of this burght, to the mercat croce thairof, and thair be oppin proclamatioun mak oppin denunciatioun of the said decreit, and denunce the saidis personis quhais names eftir followis, to haue tint thair fredome in maner forsaid, quhilk the said officiar did in presens of the prowest and baillies forsaid. Heir efter followis the names of the personis that wes denuncit to have tint thair fredome: that is to say, George Gardyne of Banquharie, James Pantoun of Tullymad, Alexr. Hog, Wm. Farquharson, Dauid Chalmer of Bawithan, Wm. Keytht, Alexr. Thomsoun, Wm. Johnstoun in Keayis Mylne, Nicol Gardinar, James Straquhin, Wm. Duncan, Alexr. Blinschell, and George Spens.

The said day, the prowest and baillies decernit and decreittit that it is sufficientlie prowin befoir thame that Christan Fynny and Allan Blair, hir spous, for his interes, Besse Blair and Robert Knowis, hir spous, for his interes, hes sufficientlie verifyit and prowin that vpoun the tuelt day of Junij

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last bipast or thairby, vmquhile Claris Mony Peny, spous of Alexr. Robertsoun, cordonar, befoir hir decease, left in legacie to the saidis Cristan and Besse the cleything and abilzement of hir body, togidder with the haill geir, gudis, sowmes of money, and dettis pertening or that mycht perten to hir the tym of hir decess, be ressoun that scho wes his lauchfull spous, and na barnis lauchfullie gottyn betuix thame beand lewand, and that the said Alexander and vmquhill Claris, his spous forsaid, the tym of hir decese had thir guidis, geir, and sowmes of mony vnderwrytin pertening to thame as thair awin propir geir and guidis movable, besyd the airschipe: that is to say, sax dakir of barkit hydis in the pottis, pryce of the dakkir auchten crovnnis; item, tua dakkir and ane half dakkir of roche ledder in the lyme, price of the dakkir saxtene crownis; item, in the biytht, of brokin ledder, wortht twentie s.; item, in the loft, ane chalder and ane half of bark, pryce of ilk boll tuelf s.; item, ane stand, xxx d.; tua pannis, sax s.: thre pottis, threttene s. four d.; thre plaittis, sax s. viij d.; tua chandelaris, sax s.; tua dischis, thre s.; ane Scottis couering, aucht s.; tua pair of auld lynning scheittis, tene s.; tua pair of hardyn scheittis, ten s.; ane pece blak claytht of fywe elnis, pryce of the elne twentie s.; item, sewin ellis of quhyt carsay, pryce of the elne xx d.; nyne élnis of lynning claytht, price of the elne tua s.; item, of mony threttene ane poundis; of the quhilkis haill geyr and guidis and mony aboun wrytin (the dettis awand be the said Alexr. the tym of his said wyffis decess being takin off) the iust half pertenis and suld pertene to the said Cristane Fynny, Allan Blair, hir spous, for his interes, and Besse Blair and Robert Knowis, hir said spous, for his interes, be resson the samin becumis to the deidis part as the half house, quha befoir hir deces maid lauchfull dispositioun and legacie of hir rycht thairof to the saidis Cristane and Besse in maner aboun wrytin, quhairfor the baillies decernit and ordanit the said Alexander Robertsone to deliuer to the saidis Cristane and Besse, and thair saidis spowssis, for thair interes, the halff of the haill geir and gudis aboun wrytin, or the valour and pryces thairof aboun exprimit, togider with the half of the mony aboun wrytin, within terme of law, the dettis alwayis awand be the said Alexander the tyme of his said wyfis decess being tane of the haill hous, sa far as he may iustlie preif, within the said terme wes awand; and als ordanis the said Alexander to deliuer thame the abilzement of his wyfis body within the said terme, sa far as thai ma sufficientlie preiff, and condamnis the said Alexr. in the expenssis of pley to be taxit efterwart.

17*th October*, 1562.

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The said day, the counsell ordanis the thesaurar to mak zettis of tre vpoun the tua eist portis, and als to mak bomis at the west end of the castelget, and wther places of the town neidfull; and quhat expenssis he makis vpon the same to be allowit to him in his nixt compt.

19*th October*, 1562.

The said day, it wes considerit be the haill counsell that the commound guid of this burght, bayth propirtie and accidens, is of small importans, and litill in respect of the gryt advis necessar, quhairvpoune the samyn aucht to be applyit for the commound weill of this burght, and that thair ministir hes gottyn yeirlie the sovm of thre hundreyth markis of thair said commoun guid thir diuerse yeiris immediatlie bygane, to the gryt hurt of this burght, quhome the toun ma nocht gudlie sustene in sic sort vpoun thair small rentis, and quhome the bischope of Abirdene aucht to sustene vpoun his expenssis, be ressoun that he ressauis of thame his stipendteyndis and duetie thairfor; and thairfor thai, all in ane voce, inhibit thair thesaurar and den of gild to ansuer the said minister of the said yeirlie pensioun frathinfurth, and thocht expedient that he be nocht ansuerit nor payit thairfor in tyme cuming, for the caussis aboun wrytin.

The said day, the haill counsell being convenit within the gray freiris, ordanit that Johnne Cowper sell hawe fywe s. for ewerie nycht that he hes wachit bygane in the townis service, and siclyke to hawe fywe s. ilk nycht in tyme cuming, sa lang as the townis watching induris, he thairfor convenand the wachemen be the sound of his swass throw the towne efter supper, and siclyk to pley thairwpone at the depairting of the wache in the morning, conforme to the ordinans of the counsell, and ordanis the thesaurar to ansuer and obey him thairof, quhilk sell be allowit in his nixt comptis.

The said day, the counsell ordanit that Thomas Nicolsoun sell be recompensit and payit of the skayth sustenit be him in braking of certane chalmeris of his arteilzerie, quhilkis the toun borrowit fra him, and wes vsit and schot with pulder in volie at the quenis first entre to this burght; and ordanis Androw Buk and Alexr. Rattre to considder the said skaytht, and gif ane declaratioun thairof to the counsell.

19th October, 1562.

The said day, anent the supplicatioun exhibeit to the prowest, baillies, and counsell be William Crafurd, officiar of this burght the yeir immediatlie bypast, and is removit thairfra without occasioun or saill doyn be him, desyring support of the honest men of the toun to help him to ane craym, that he may trawell to win his lifing in the cuntray, lyk as in the supplicatioun at mair lyntht is continit; and the counsell ordinit Johnne Tullydef, or sum wther honest man, to pass to the houssis of maist honest men and desyr the said support.

25th October, 1562.

The said day, Loke Traill, duelland in Petfoddellis, grantit and confessit him awand to Alexr. Robertson and Johnn Robertsoun, his brother, the soume of aucht pound xiij s. iiij d. vsuall money of Scotland, quhilk he obleist him to pay to the saidis personis at thair termes eftir following, that is to say, the ane iust half thairof at the feist and terme of Mertimes nixt to cum, and the wther half thairof at the feist and terme of Witsonday nixt thaireftir following; for the quhilk the said Alexander, for himself and all vtheris, his kyn and freyndis, remittis and forgiffis the said Loke and all vtheris, his kyn, freyndis, assisteris, complicis, faueraris, and part takaris of the bluid drawing of him, and art and parte thairof; and als of the slauchter of vmquhill Besse Chalmer, his spouse, allegit committit be the said Loke of suddentie. And Androw Chalmer and Alexr. Oglay, litsteris, become cautionaris and souerteis that the said Loke sall newer be callit, persewit, trublit, nor molestit thairfor in the law, nor by the law, in na tymis cuming, and the said Alexander and Johnn obleist thame to releif the saidis cautionaris befoir thir witnes: Alexr. Howesoun, Androw Gareaucht, and Eduard Donaldsoun, and wther diuerse.

25th November, 1562.

The said day, Thomas Menzeis, prowest, and Maister George Myddiltoun, bailze, decernit and ordanit Margrat Forbes, servand to Maister Robert Andersone, quha is convickit for the strubling, stryking, and bluid drawing of Elizabeth Wood, to pay and recompens the barbour for the curing and leyching of the said Elizabetht, and to gif her also for ane pecuniall pane xxvj s. viij d. Scottis mony. And attour to compeir on Sonday nixt cumis, immediatlie efter the preching, within the parroche kirk, and thair, in presens of the congregatioun, ask God and the party offendit

forgifnes, with a contreit and penitent mynd; and gif ewer sche committis sic offence in tym cuming, to be baneist of this toun for ewer; and the said Maister Robert Andersone, hir maister, is becumin souertie and cautioun for fulfilling of the premisses, in presence of the prowest and bailzies. 25th Nov., 1562.

4th December, 1562.

The said day, the haill merchandis of this burght, being varnit, &c., chesit and nominat Thomas Menzes, prowest, and Maister Robert Lumisdene thair lauchtfull commissionaris, to pass to Edinburght, and cary with thame sic euidentis and charteris of the townis liberteis and preuelegis as thai think maist necessar to be confirmit be the quenis grace for the commond weill of this burght, and speciallie the preuelege of the doyn getting of the custum of certane skynnis, sic as hog, scherling, futfaill, lamskyne, and wtheris, continit in the infeftment thairof, and to labour and solist to get ane confirmatioun thairwpoune in dew forme, according to the deliuerans of the quenis grace, at hir last being in Aberdene, giffin vpoun the supplicatioun exhibeit vnto hir grace in name of the haill toune thairanent. And generalie to do all vther thingis concerning the premissis that the saidis merchandis mycht do, gif thai wer all present in propir personis, promittand to hald ferme and stabill, and obleist thame selffis, that quhat expenssis the saidis commissionaris makis in the performing of the premissis, to refound the same thankfullie to thame, togidder with thair reasonabill expenssis that they spend the said reid, and in gratitud for thair panis and trawell.

23d February, 1553.

The said day, the haill counsell beand convenit within the chepdour hous of Sanct Nicolas kirk, decernit and ordinit Patre Menzeis, thesaurar of this toun, to pay and recompans Thomas Nicolsoun the sowme of nyntene lib. Scottis money, for the cost and expenssis maid be him vpoun the makin of twa chalmeris of gunnis, quhilk tua chalmeris the said Thomas lennit to the said toun, and wes brokin at the quenis first entre thairto, quhilk sall be allowit to the said Patre in his nixt comptis.

12th March, 1563.

The said day, Thomas Andersoune become cautionar and souerte for Marjory Andersoune, his sister, to mak thankfull payment induiring hir

25th March, 1562. lyftyme yeirlie, to Maister Edward Menzeis, cheplane of Sanct Margratis cheplanry, within the paroche kirk of Abirdene, of ane annuell rent of fourtie schillingis vsuall money of Scotland, annaliit be wmquhill Androw Crafurd, hir husband, to be vpliftit yeirlie of the land and tenement pertening to the said vmquhile Androw, hir spouse, and to the said Mariorie in conjunct fee, lyand in the Gallowgett of the said burght, on the west syid of the same, forganis the gray freiris place; and siclyk, to content and pay yeirlie, induring the space forsaid, to the cheplanis of the paroche kirk of Aberdene ane annuell rent of twentie s. of the landis and tenementis forsaid, at Witsonday and Mertimes, be equall portionis, without ony puynding, comprising, or calling in the law for the samyne, becaus the said Maister Edward and cheplanis forsaid hes bene guid and thankfull to the said Mariorie, in remitting of ane part of the said annuell rentis awand to thame respectiue of certane termes bigane; and the said Mariorie obleyst hir to releyff the said Thomas of all the premissis.

The baillies ordanis the four officiaris to pass with Schir Johnne Collyson, collectour to the cheplanis of the paroche kirk of Aberdene, and puynd and distrenze all the inhabitantis within this burght and fredome thairof, for thair maillis, few maillis, and annuell rentis awand to thame of all yeris and termes bygane, conforme to our souerane ladeis letteris directit thairupoune, and mak the saidis cheplanis to be payit without ony forther delay.

15*th March*, 1563.

The baillies chargit Elizabeth Annand, spouse to Johnne Maitland, to pay Francis Degley, barbour, twentie s. Scottis mony, for the laubouris bestowit be him vpoun the said Elizabeths dochter, in heling and mending of hir ein, within terme of law.

22*d March*, 1553.

The said day, the prowest, baillies, and counsell, vnderstanding be daily experiens, that this burght and the inhabitantis thairof, ar hurt and hevelie skaitht in the selling of lyme and collis brocht within the hewin, quhilk ar rissine to gryt dartht and exhorbitant pryce, be the occasioun that our awin nychtbouris of this toun byis the same, nocht to thair awin wse, bot to be sauld and disponit for wantage and proffit, to the gryt hurt of the

commound weill of this burgh. Quhairfor thai statut and ordane that, in tyme cuming, thair be na boyt of lyme nor collis imbrocht nor coft be ony indwellar of this burght, to be sauld and disponit to the remanent nychtbouris for vantage or proffit, vnder the pane of confiscatioun of the haill lyme and collis pertenyng to thame that beis fundin culpabill thairin; and gif ony nychtbour bringis in sic stuff for his awin vse, and hes mair nor sufficient to stack himself, he sall dispone the rest as he bocht the same, vnder the pane forsaid. 22d March, 1562.

The said day, the baillies decernit ane testimoniall to be gevin, vnder the secreit seall, to Patre Hay, that quhair he hes servit ane honorabill man, Maister Duncane Forbes of Monymusk, bailze of this toun, now presentlie be the space of seivin yeiris immediatlie bygane, and maid him guid and trew seruice induring the said space, and is ane man of honest conuersatioun and fame, nocht convickit nor yit accusabill for ony notorious cryme or offens, bot sua hes behed himself in tyme bygane, that he ma lefully pass and repass to do and exerse his lesum bissines, quhair evir it happynnis him to cum.

26th March, 1563.

The said day, William Kennedy, sone naturall and lauchtfull to wmquhill William Kennedy, constabill of Abirdene, electit and chesit Maister Patre Rutherfurd and Alexr. Hay his lauchtfull curatouris, coniunctlie and seueralie, to governe and gyd himself, his geir, and gudis, for his vtilitie and proffit, to his lauchtfull and perfyte age, quhilkis accepit the said [office] vpoun tham, and wer sworne to exercise the said office lelele and treulie. And attour the said William, with consent and assent of his said curatouris, maid and constitute Mr. Robert Lumisdene, Mr. John Kennedy, and Mr. Olipher Pantoun, his procuratouris, coniunctly and seueraly, in all his actionis and caussis.

15th April, 1563.

The said day, the haill toune beand lauchfully warnit, &c., it wes statut and ordanit be the baillies and counsell for the tyme present, with consent of the haill communite, that in tym cuming na freman nor inhabitant of this burght by ony malt or meall in gryt to be sauld and disponit agane to otheris for to regrait the toun and the nychtbouris thairof, bot that euery

16th April, 1562.

man by to sustene his awin house and familie allanerlie, vnder the pane of escheting of the haill victuall that beis fund in the possessioun of thame brakand this present statut. And inlykmaner that na beir be sauld within this toun for this yeir darrer nor xij d. the quart, vnder the payne forsaid. Attour, that na baxter baik ony eit breid to be sauld, nor na caik baxter ony caikis to be sauld, vnder the pain foirsaid, and siclyk vnder the pane of the caik baxteris girdile. Item, that all victuall that cumis to this toun to be sauld be presentit in the mercat quhill pryce be maid, conforme to the auld statutis maid obefoir; and quhatsumeuer persone that happynnis to comprehend ony victuall bocht in gryt, to be toppit and sauld to vtheris nychtbouris for regraitting of the toune, the comprehender thairof sall haue for his labouris the fourth part of the victuall comprehendit be him in maner foirsaid. Item, it is statut that na fische be bocht to be brokin on the skemlis be the flescheris, vnder the pane of escheting of the same.

2*d July*, 1563.

The said day, the counsall ordanis the thesaurer, Patre Menzeis, to ansuer and obey John Lesly, ridar of the comoun prayeris, the sowme of ten lib. vsuall money of Scotland for his stipend of his seruice bygane of the Witsonday terme last bipast, in the yeir of God m° v^c saxtie and thre yeiris, quhilk he hes ellis deseruit; and als thai ordane that he sall haue ten lib. yeirlie in tym cuming, at tua termis, Mertimes and Witsonday, be tua equall portionis, for augmentatioun and suppliment of his yeirlie stipend quhilk the comptrollar giffis him, and that induring thair villis vpoune his guid bering and seruice.

5*th July*, 1563.

The baillies ordanit Patre Menzes, thesaurar, to deliuer to Dauid Elleis, segster of the parroche kirk, the sowme of xl s. vsuall money of Scotland, for the beireing of the puir folk, quhilk salbe allowit to him in his nixt compt.

18*th January*, 1564.

The said day, the haill toune being warnit, &c., grantit and consentit to persew furtht to the finall end the actioune and caus movit and persewit be thame aganis Alexander Fraser of Phillorth, anent the preuilege vsurpit be him of ane fre burght in the toune of Faythlie, contrar the libertie and

ald preuilegis of this burgh, presentlie dependand befoir the lordis of consell; and siclyk to intend ane actioune for doune getting and abrogating of the commoune mercat haldin ilk Sonday at the kirk of Inche, and to contribut and mak expensis thairvpoune, vnto the finall end thairof; and to begyne to furneis the said pley, ordanis the sowme of threscoir poundis to be collectit and vptakin, and chesit Alexander Forbes, Patrik Gray, Androw Huntar, Dauid Andersone, and Alexr. Barnis, taxtaris, to taxt and stent the haill inhabitantis of this burght, ilkane according to thair faculte and substance, for collecting and getting of the said sowme; quhilkis personis war sworne in jugement to the effect forsaid. 18th January, 1564.

5th May, 1564.

The said day, the counsall present for the tym ordanis that the secrestar and keipar of thair parroche kirk sall haue yeirlie four merkis, besyd the accidentis of baptysm and marreage, conforme to the act maid thairupone obefoir; and ordinis the thesaurar to ansuer him yeirlie at Mertimes and Vitsonday of the said sowme of four merkis, be tuo equall portionis and the said secrestar to hald the kirk fluir clene; and this act to continew induring the consellis will.

15th May, 1564.

The said day, anent the supplicatioun exhibeit to the consell be Dauid Elleis, thair commound serwand and keipar of the kirk, to augment his fee in respect of his ydane and continuall seruice, the counsell augmentit his fee xiij s. iiij d., extending yeirlie in the haill to four markis; and ordanis the thesaurar to ansuer him thairof at tua termis in the yeir, Witsonday and Mertimes, be tuo equall portionis.

23d January, 1565.

The said day, William Blak in Newburght was accusit be Dauid Cargile, dean of gild, as a forstaller, in bying of beir, meill, and aittis in smallis athort the cuntrie, keiping thairof to a darth, and topping of the same agane, aganis the luvabill lawis of this realme and actis of parliament. Compeirit the said Willeam, and grantit the topping of victuall, and thairanent referrit him in the will of the counsall, quhairfor he was convict and put in amerciament of court to forbeir, &c.; Gilbert Blak elder, cautioun for his unlaw.

23d January. 1565.

The said day, the haill toun, burgessis, and craftismen, being warnit, &c., the mater concerning the prouisioun for the puir being opinlie declarit to thame be the baillies and minister, and the act of parliament maid thairanent being publictlie red in all thair audience, and the puir being deuydit in four rankis, to vit, in babis, decayit persones, houshaldaris, leamit and impotent personis, and sic as war decrepit and auld, borne and bred within this burght, at the leist that hes maid thair commoun resort and residence within the same be the space of thir sevin yeris bypast, thay all in ane voce but ony oppositioun or contradictioun, following first Goddis commandement, and nixt the directioun of the said act of parliament, grantit, agreit, and consentit, ilk man frielie and voluntarlie voting be him selff, according to the ordour of the suit roll, sum to receave in thair houssis ane baib and lykwayis to pay contributioun for help and support of the remanent puir of the rankis forsaidis, borne and bred within this toun, or at the leist quha hes maid residence within the same be the space forsaid, vtheris to contribut; and ilk man voting be him selff, grantit to pay the contributioun sett doun in the roll maid this day for ane yeir, to be payit quarterlie, with prouisioun that the magistrattis tak sic substantious ordour anent the expelling of extranear beggaris, idill and vagabond persones, furth of this burght, as the said act of parliament prescryvis, and that the purell of the rankis forsaids be contenit within houssis, helpit be the commoun contributioun, and nocht sufferit to cum to the streittis, houssis, or yettis of this burght to seik almous; and according to the said voting, ilk man speking be him selff as said is, the roll was instantlie sett doun, and sic as everie man grantit be his awin mouth wreittin, and the babis delyuerit to sic as was content to receawe tham, the receaweris name with the babis name wreittin lykwayes.

2*d March*, 1565.

The said day, Capitane Hew Lawder presentit to the provest and baillies ane gift of our souerane lord and lade the king and quenis graces, gewin wnder the priuay seall, of the donatioun of the croftis pertening to the blak freiris of Abirdene, and the quhyt freiris of the same, with biggingis, howssis, and yardis perteining thairto, for certane yeiris, contenit in the said gift, and intimat the same to the saidis prowest and baillies, and possessouris and occupearis of the saidis croftis, biggingis, and howssis; of the quhilk the tennour followis: Henrie and Marie, be the grace of God king

and quene of Scottis, to the lordis of our consell and sessioune greting: Wit ye ws, with ane awyse of comptrollar, to haue sett and for maill lattine, and be thir our lettres settis and for maill lattis to our dalie seruitour, Capitane Hew Lawder, his airis, assignais, and subtennentis, all and sindrie landis, axeris, croftes, rowmes, possessionis, fruittis, rentis, males, fermes, proffeittes, commoditeis, and deuiteis quhatsumeuir quhilkis pertenit to the blak and quhyt freiris of Abirdene, with the ground quhair the plesis stude, houssis, yardis, and biggingis thairof, togidder with all and sindre wther houssis, annuel rentis, casualteis, and commoditeis belangand to the saidis freiris, quhair ewir the same ly to burgh or land, for all the space, dais, and termes of nyntene yeiris nixt and immediatlie following the dait heirof, quhilk salbe the said Capitane Hew, his airis, and assignais forsaidis entres thairto, and eftir to indure and be peciable bruikit, joissit, occupiit, set, vsit, and disponit be thame at thair plesour, with power to thame to set and rais, input and outpute the tennentis of quatsumeuir landis, aikeris, croftis, houssis, and biggingis belangand to the saidis freiris, and to hald courtis, and to mak baillies and substitutis vnder him for haldyne thairof, and creat all officiaris and memberis of court neidfull for administratioun of justice, with all and sindry wtheris commoditeis, fredomes, proffeittis, and rychteouss pertinentis quhatsumeuir perteining or rychteouslie ma pertein thairto, frielie, quietlie, weill, and in peice, but ony reuocatioun or agane calling quhatsumeuir, pertening or rychteouslie ma pertene therto, payand thairfor yeirlie the said Capitane Hew, his airis and assignais forsaidis, to ws our comptrolleiris and factouris the sowme of ten lib. vsuall money of our realme, at tua termes in the yeir, Witsonday and Martimes, be tua equall portionis. Quhairfor we charge straitlie and commandis yow, the forsaid lordis of our counsell and sessioune, that ye direct our vtheris letteris in the four formes, and wtheris neidfull, and our said comptrollar present, and to cum to consent thairto, to caus the said Capitane Hew, his airis and assignais, be ansuerit and obeyit of the saidis freiris of all landis, aikeris, croftis, howssis, biggingis, yardis, males, fermes, annuelrentis, proffeittis, commoditeis, and deviteis pertening thairto in forme as effeiris. Gevin vnder our priue seall at Edinburgh, the sevintene day of Februar, the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} thre scoir and fywe yeiris, and of our regnne the first and tuentie four yeiris. Per signaturam manibus, S. D. N. regis et regine subscriptum.

2d March, 1565.

15th June. 1565.

15th June, 1565.

The said day, the consell ordanis Alexander Rattray to caus beir owt the proppis that ar in the chalmeris of the arteilzery, to the effect that the pulder thairon may be saiffit; and ordanit him to clenge the saidis arteilzery and chalmeris, and see quhat faillis there is, and quhat inlaikis, to aduerteis that the same be reformit and mendit; and ordanis the thesaurar to send to Flanderis in the errast schippis for ane barrell of pulder, in consideration that thair is bot presently a fordell, only bot a barrell and a half barrell. Alsua thai ordane the blokhous to be veseit, and the same to be biggit and mendit with stane and lyme, or faill, as sell be thocht expedient at the visitatioun thairof.

11th August, 1565.

The said day, the consell ordanis the xii lib. quhilk Maister George Myddiltoune, thesaurar, hes debursit for tuelf hundreyth sklaitis to mend the cheppell on the Castelhill, to be thankfullie allowit in his comptis; and als the thre lib. quhilk was gewin to the schipe brokyne men.

The said day, the counsall present for the tyme ordanis the thesaurar to by tuentie stanis of groff pulder, to mix thair awin pulder with quhilk thai haue presentlie, becaus the same is ouer stark and vehement, and sindry pecis of thair arteilzery brokyne thairwith, with tene stane of bulletis effeiring thairto; and inlykwyise ordanis to vesy the arteilzery, and se giff the same be preparit, and quhat inlaikis to be had incontinent, and the blokhous to be viseit and preparit as effeiris; and for the viseing, preparing, and performing heirof, chesit Gilbert Menzes, Mr. Robert Lumysdene, Patrik Menzes, and Thomas Nicolsoune, and to collect the money as salbe dewysit be the counsell, and to deburse the same in maner forsaid; and ordanis the thesaurar to giff in his comptis vpoun Furysday nixt to cum.

5th October, 1565.

The sayd day, the consell decernit that Dauid Elleis, ringar of the bellis aud keypar of the parroche kirk, under Maister Johnne Kennedy, sacristar of thair said kirk, is ane insufficient serwand, for certan enormiteis and offencis committit be hym, and thairfor dischargit him of the said cuir; and becaus it is considerit be the counsell that the cuir and labour of the said

office is continuall and grit, thai ordanit the said Maister Johnne to find ane honest trew man, that he wald stand guid for, to serwe wnder him in the said office, and thai wald augment his fee and accidentis. And ordanit him to haf therfor yeirly of the toune tene merkis, to be payit and obeit be the townis thesaurar at Mertimes and Witsonday, be tua equall portionis, and to haf of accidentis, of euery mariage, xviij d. of honest or reche folkis, and xij d. of sobir folkis ; and of baptysme, xii penneis of honest folkis, and vi d. of sobir folkis ; and for making of gravis of the buriall, xviij penneis of reche and honest folkis, and xii d. of the sobir estait (alwaise, in all ther thre forsaidis, the puir and indegent to be fre). And the townis duety of the buriall in the kirk to be wptakin neuertheles be the maister of the kirk wark, as it wes obefoir, be reasson of the raising and laying of the pavment of the kirk. And the counsall nemmyt Schir William Walcar to serwe and accept the said cuir, on the conditioun and promise of the stipend forsaid, and requyrit him personaly quha tuk to adwise thairupoune quhill the morn. 5th October, 1565.

12*th February*, 1566.

The said day, Maister George Myddiltoune, thesaurar, conducit Waltir Straquhine to expell or slae all the sweyne fundyn on the commond streittis within this burght, conforme to the act maid thairvpone obefoir be the consell, and the said Waltir tuik the said office on hand, vnder the pane of punischment be the awyse of the consell; and the said Maister George promest him thairfoir xx schillingis quhill Fasternewin nixt to cum.

16*th April*, 1566.

The said day, the prowest, baillies, and counsaill, with consent and adwyse of the haill communitie, thocht expedient to mak, prepair, and wphald ane gryt bowat or lamp quhair the same wes obefoir, on the east gawill of Sanct Ninianis cheppell, vpone the Castelhill, with thre gryt flammand lychtis, to byrne continewallie thairin in the winter seasoune, fra day lycht vnto day lycht, and to begyn vpon the first day of September and continew vnto the last day of Marche yeirlie, sua that the schippis arryving in the raid, or saland by the cost of Abirdene, may be the said lamp haue jugement and experiens quhair thai ar to eschew danger. And for the wphald and sustentatioun thairof, and the keipar of the same, thai ordanit, with consent of the haill merchandis of this burgh, being present for the maist part in thair

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gild court, that thair be takin wp of euerie sek of gudis that passis furtht of this burght to Flanderis, tua sturis; item, of ilk tune of gudis in France, ane sowse; and in England, or ony wther contray outward, vi d., and of everie time hamewart, vj d.; item, xij d. of everie last of gudis furtht of Danskyne hameward, and this to be takin of the merchandis of this burgh allanerlie; item, of everie schip of this toune, being of the birtht of fourtie tune, or quhatsumeuer quantitie aboun, arryving therto out of wther contraise, fywe schillingis ilk weage; and ilk schipe of strangaris of siclyk byrtht, thre schillingis, and ewerie crear xviij penneis, and euery boit sax penneis. And ordanis ane collectour to be chosin yeirlie to resaiff and wptak the same, and to mak compt yeirlie therof in the moneth of Aprill; and ordanis the keipar of the said lamp to haue [ ] yeirlie for his service and laubouris. And chesit Johnne Tullydeff collectour of the said contributioune for this yeir, and Sir John Wrycht keipar of the said lamp for this same yeir, and forther quhill he be dischargit.

26*th April*, 1566.

The said day, anent the supplicatioun gewin in and exhibeit to the consell be Johnne Lesley, ridar in the parroche kirk of the said brught, desyring to his support sum yeirlie augmentation of his stipend, for his seruice of the riding within the said parroche, in respect that his yeirlie stipend quhilk he hes of the auctorite is restand awand to him of diuerse termes bygane, and he incertane gif he is to get payment thairof in tyme cuming, lyk as in the said supplicatioun at mair lyntht is contenit, the counsell having consideratioun thairof augmentit to the said Johnnis stipend the sowme of tene poundis, extending in the haill to tuenty poundis, to be payit to him for the space of ane yeir nixt following the dait of thir presentis, sua that, in the meyntym, thai will get suyr knaulege of the ordour to be maid anent the paiment of the stipendis of ministeris and ridaris; and ordanis the first terme of payment thairof to be at Witsonday nixt cumis, in anno m° v^c saxtie and sax yeiris.

3*d September*, 1566.

The said day, Robert Malysone, in presens of Gilbert Menzes, balze, sett his halfnettis fisching of the fuyrdis vpoun the watter of Dee, to Thomas Knovs, for ane yeiris fisching into cum nixt following his entres tharto, quhilk entres salbe, God villing, att Sanct Androwis day nixt

and immediatlie folloving the dait of thir presentis, and to continew in joysing and bruking of the same quhill the letter Mareday nixt thaireftir following, for the quhilk the said Robert haldis him weill content, satisfeit, and payitt in hand at the making of thir presentis, and dischargis him thairof for now and ewir. 3d September, 1566.

19*th November*, 1566.

The said day, in presens of the prowest, baillies, consell, and hayll communite of this burght, being present for the maist part, representand the haill body of the toun, being warnit to the effect under wrytin, comperit Maister Patrik Ruderfurd, and of his awin fre will, for the sowm of money wnder wrytin, renuncit, resignit, and our gaif in jugement his tak, assedatioun, titill, and interes that he had, hes, or ony way ma haff in tyme cuming, to the haly dayse fische of Sanct Nicholas meytt, quhilk belangis to the wphald of the parroche kirk of the said burgh, in the handis of the prouest, in name of the haill toune, to be applyit in all tyme cuming to the reparatioun of the sayd parroche kirk, as it wes first devysit be the gewaris and grantaris thairof, and astrickit thame selffis perpetualy frathinfurtht, and to sett the same to nychtbouris yeirly quha will gif maist profytt thairfor, to be applyit as said is, and na wther waise; for the quhilkis the said communite obleyst thame selffis to pay to the said Maister Patrik the sowme of ane hundretht and nyne poundis vsuall money of Scotland, (as the consell appunctit with him thairanent obefor,) and var all content to contribut and be taxat for payment thairof; and Johnne Lowson becom souertie and cautioune for payment thairof to the said Maister Patrik, within fourtie daise eftir the dayt heiroff, and the communite obleist thame to releif hyme thairoff.

3*d June*, 1567.

The said day, the haill tovne being warnit, &c., it was exponit and proponit be Thomas Menzes, prowest, quhow that thair parroche kirk in diuerse partis wes ruynovs and presentlie to decay, and schew thame quhow that it wes thair principall place of conventioune to recognosce thair God, and to heir the teichement of his word, and in lik maner the sepulchre of thair forbearis. And in respect heirof thai war addettit of the law to vphald thair kirk and kirkyard, desyrand thame for the beitment and reformatioune thairof, that thai wald willinglie grant to ane contributioune to be gevin for fulfilling of the same; and to that effect, that thai suld

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elect and cheise certain honest, discreit nychtbouris, takand the avise of craftisman quhat vald do the same, and to be stentit, every man effeirand to his valour, to sic ane sovme as salbe thocht expedient for doing of the said wark, and completing thairof. Quha, being requirit circularie to the premissis, grantit and consentit to the same but ony contradictioune, and to that effect electit and chesit thir personis eftir following: Thomas Menzes, Maister Robert Lumysden, Maister George Myddiltowne, Maister Thomas Fynny, Johnne Tullydeff, Dauid Andersone, Dauid Indraucht, Robert Menzes, and Androw Huntar, to be stentaris of the haill tovne, on sic ane sovme as the saidis stentaris sall think gude and expedient for doing the same, quha wer sworne presentlie in jugement to stent equalie the said contributioune and taxatioune vpone the haill indwellaris of the said toune, and acceppit the same on thame. And the haill tovne consentit that quhat persone or personis sal happin to dissobey to mak payment of the said taxatioune as beis stentit, everie man for thair awin pairt, the officiaris of the tovne to poynd and distreinze the rediest of thair guidis for the same, the third penny dovne to mak reddy mony thairof.

4th June, 1567.

The said day, Thomas Menzeis, prowest, Maister Robert Lumysden, Maister George Myddiltoune, Maister Thomas Finny, Robert Menzes, Johnne Tullydeff, Dauid Andersone, Dauid Indearth, and Androw Huntar, quhilkis wer chosyn taxtaris obefoir be the communite of this gude tovne, to stent ane taxatioune vpon the nychtbouris and inhabitantis thairof, to be applyitt and disponitt on the beiting, mending, and reforming, and menteining of thair parroche kirk, and to considder and modify, be the adwyse of maissonis, wrychtis, sklaitteris, and discreit craftismen, quhat speciale sowme of money was necessar, and vald extend to performe and compleitt the said wark. Being convenit within the counselhouse of the tolbuytht of the said burght, consultand diligentlie thairvpone, with consent and adwise of the said craftismen, modifiit and calculat the said sovme of taxatioune to allevin hundreicht merkis, to be stentit in maner forsaid, and applyitt as said is.

4th January, 1568.

The said day, the haill consell, for the maist pairt being convenit, grantit and consentit to Richert Gardine, sumtyme ane of the carmelitis of this

burght, his ordinar buird daily amangis the maist honest men of this burght, and specialie of the consell, in ordour, thair day about, ay and quhill thai prowyd wther wayis for him, and quhill these acts be dischargit, &c. 4th January, 1568.

10*th January*, 1568.

The said day, the halydayis fysche being rowpit in presens of the haill toune, the quhilk was set to James Ewine for the sowme of fourtye nyne merkis, and for payment of the quhilk, I, Gilbert Kintor elder, become cautioune and souerte for the said James, coniunctly and seueralie, and the [said] James obleist him to releif the [said] Gilbert of the premissis.

24*th January*, 1568.

The said day, the counsell for the tyme dewisit and ordanit James Ewine, quha hes the hallydayis fische in tak of the toune for this instant yeir to cum, and siclyk all wtheris takismen therof in tyme cuming sall haif of the possessouris and occupearis of thair watteris of Dee and Doyne, the hallidayis fische, small or gryt, as it fallis, being within the numer of three, and gif thair beis mair nor thre, to haif the best fische nixt thair teind fysche; and quha withhaldis the said fische fra the said takismen, and payis nocht the samyn in dew tyme, being requirit to pay for ilk fische, withhaldine as said is, ten s. to the said takisman yeirlie, in all tyme cuming.

10*th February*, 1568.

The said day, the haill tovne being convenit, &c., it wes exponit be the prouest thair electioune of the stentaris the third day of Junii, for repairing of the kirk, quhilkis thai hed done be the adwise of craftismen and thair awin iugementis, the sovme of the stent was allevin hundreth and lx merkis, of the quhilk the buik of taxatioune wes producit in iugment, subscryuitt with the taxtaris handis, desyrand thame to elect and cheise tua faythfull nychtbouris to be collectouris and resawaris of the said stent, to be distribut as the maisteris of wark of the kirk sall think gude, and gif compt thairof. Quha, being circulary inquirit be the said provest, quhom thai vald haf electit and chesitt to be collectouris of the said taxatioun, and debursaris thairof, be adwise of the said maister of kirk wark, the communite present, all with ane consent, chesit Alexr.

10th February, 1568. Cullane and Johne Tullydeff collectouris and debursaris forsaid, quha acceppit on thame the said cuyr, and ressauit the said buik of taxatioune, and for diuerse caussis ordanit the saidis collectouris to resaiff na bardheidis in payment of this taxatioune.

9th January, 1569.

The said day, the consell ordanit that the sacrister of thair parroche kirk sall caus jow the greit bell callit Nicolas, at four hours in the morning, and that the littill bell callit the Skellat, at aucht houris at evin, to the effect that the seruandis and craft of childer may be warnit to enter to thair seruice and leif the same in dew tyme, and quhill ane quheill may de dewysit and maid for easy ringing of the said greyt bell, thai ordane that the greyt bell callit Lowrens, in place thairof salbe knellit in the mein tyme, quhill the said quheill be performit.

The said day, anent the supplicatioun presentit be epistill in Latin be the scolars of the gramair scuill, anent the abrogatioune of thair awld priuilegisis and libertie in remaining absent fra the scuill, and compellit be Maister Johnne Hennersonne, thair maister, to conveine at sick tymes as thai war in wse and preuelege of libertie and skaling obefoir. And siclyk, anent the complent of thair said maister exhebet to the consell of the enormitie of his saidis scollaris, and desirit that the counsell may commit to him sic order as thay wald him to obserwe perpetualie in tymes cuming; and the consell being ryplie awysit thairwpoun, decernit and ordanit that the bairnis and scollaris of the said scuill sall haf previlege and libertie to remain fra the scuill, thai keipand guid ordour quhair thai pleise, fra Sanct Thomas evin befor Youll quhill vpon the morne efter the Epiphanie day allanerlie, and all wther preuilege of skaling quhilk was vsit at ony tyme in the yeir of befoir, to be dischargit and abrogatit in all tyme cuming.

9th June, 1569.

The said day, the councell considdering that it was necessar for decorement of this burgh that the tuo blank housines wpon the south syd of the tolbooth sould be fillit wp in good ordour with his majesties armes in the uppermost, and this burghs armes in the nethermost, and in respect the kingis armes wpon the wtter part of the Gallogate port, in respect of the antiquite therof was much obliterat, and stood in neid to be illuminat and

revivit, therfor recomends to the dean of gild to goe about the effectuating therof, and of the saidis houssines, with all diligence, and to agree with wrichtis and measones theranent, and what he deburses theron the same to be allowit in his accomptis. 9th June, 1569.

22*d January*, 1570.

The said day, the maist pairt of the personis of the privay inquest quhilkis war chosine and sworne obefoir to delait all syk personis as ar insufficient and wnhabile to remaine in this burght, comperit in presens of the prowest, and baillies, and consell, and presentit ane buik contening the haill numer of personis of thair delatioun, and maid fayth thairwpoun. And thair efter the saidis prowest, and baillies, and consell being ryplie and at lentht aduysit witht the said buik, and hawang consideratioune and respeck to the personis contenit thairin, and qualetye of thair crymis, tending pairt grytar and pairt smaller, modefeyt and kenysit the emendis and puneshment of the saidis crymis to be distinguet: that is to say, ane certaine numer to be baneyst of this guid toune for euer, and ane wther certaine to sett cautioun to absteine fra the enormateys of thair delatioune, and for guid rewell in tyme cuming, wnder the paine of pamynt of ten poundis of euery persoune convick anes, and beis convickt againe to be baneyst in lykmaner of the toun, and to sett souerteyis ilk persoune thairon. Of the quhilkis personis banest the names efter follouis, and inlykmaner way, the personis quhilk sowld sett souerteis, with the names of thair souerteis, in maner wnder wretin.

Heir followis the names of the banest personis:

Patre Stewart, his moder and brether, to be pwneist and baneyst.
Lokky Barrowman.
Robert Craby and his wyf.
Issobell Murray.
Johnne Browne, sowtar.
Dauid Kyntor, cordanar.
Alexr. Reidfurd.
Issobell Myll.
James Fodringham.
James Allan.
Heleyne Caddell and hir husband.

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Crystian Crystye.
George Smyth.
Margrett Myrtoun, harlet to Wm. Crysty.
Mansonis Wyff.
Sande Fraser, and Brumhill, his harlott.
Alexr. Philp.
Mage Dicky, harlat to Allan Bulfurd.
Wm. Gowny,
Jonet Hill,
Mage Irynsyd,
And Jonet Hay, all in ane howse.
Crukit Rob.
Mekill Maly.
Androw Devynny.
Agnes Scott.
Johnne Job and his wyf.
Gilbert Burnet.
Alexr. Wodny, sklatter, and his wyf.
Jonet Turnour.
Dovpis Wyf and hir tua dochteris.
Watte Andersoun, to be punest and banyst
Skirling Tailzeour.
Hectour Dallowquhy.
Katte Eduard.
Crukit Alhowse and his sonne.
Elspett Mathy.
Dauid Bardame.
William Allan and his harlot.
George Smytht.
The auld smyth callit Huid.

Heir efter followis the namis of the personis that hes sett souerteis, and the namis of ther souerteys :

Maister Robert Chamer souerte for Philp Moiris wyf.

Maister Robert Lumsden, for Alexr. Crysteys wyf, Maly Still, and her dochter.

Gilbert Mengzes eldar, for Williame Snawy, Maggy Myll, *alias* Crystie, Johnne Sanderis, George Malace, and Androw George and his wyf. 22d January, 1570.

Williame Forbes, for Williame Crysty, conforme to the ordinans.

Gilbert Kyntor youngar, for Agnes Caird and Johnne Duquharis.

Maister Thomas Mengzes, for Androw Thomsonis wyf.

Robert Johnnstoune, for the relict of Alexr. Reid and Maly Oglay.

Maister Patrick Ruderford, for Heleine Broune, Johnne Forbes, Dauid Macky, and Watsoune the pynnour, and Jane Stewart.

Gilbert Collysoune, for Johnne Macky, Heleyne Duncan, M'Roby, and for his wyf, Androw Moreiss, Androw Catness and his wyf, Androw Gawis wyf, and Isobell Buchane.

Gilbert Mengzes, for Issobell Morysoune.

Alexr. Malysoune and Alexr. Bairnis, for Margaret Schippert.

Johnne Baytht, for Elspett Cragmyll, Marebell Innes, and Girsall Fowlartowne.

Wille Oglay, for Crystanie Allane.

Patrick Mamwir, for Adame Fawsteris wyf, and Maly Scott and hir dochter.

Robert Malysoune, for Elizabeth Philp.

Thomas Howey, for Johnne Rayis wyf.

Alexr. Cullen, for Thome Pirey, Johnnstoun, and John Reid.

Maister Patrick Ruderfurd and Gilbert Collisoun, for Johnne Huntaris wyf.

Nicholl Chamer, for Ellesoune Still.

Williame Robertsoun, goldsmyth, for Helein Allan, Crystain Hill, and Issobell Inglis, hir dochter.

James Ewin, for Elspet Fowlartown.

Gilbert Gray, for Margret Gray and hir sister, Wm. Brownis wyf, Mage Dauidsoun and Issobell Dauidsoun, hir seruandis, and Elspett Cuming.

Alexr. Malysoun, for Thomas Troup and his wyf.

Olmer Zoung and Wm. Car, for Crystaine Barbour.

Johnne Bairnis, for Dauid Cuttberd.

Alexr. Reid eldar, for Elspett Loremar, and Catte Fowlis, and Androw Dauidsoun, Tailzeouris wyf.

Androw Gaw, for Johnne Millis wyf.

Maister George Johnnstoun, for Jonett Ramsay.

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James Spens, for Barcar and Robe Bennett.
Thomas Philip souerty for Thome Angowss.
Michaell Will, for Jonet Will his dochter.
Gawine Wischert, for Catty Findlay.
George Forbes, for Alexr. Hay in Futty.
Robert Akyne cautioun for Androw Will and his wyf.
Johnne Burnet, for Thome Gilliame Walcar.
Alexr. Donaldsoun, for Elspett Rankeyne.

The said day, the consell dispensit with Johnne Duquharis, Wm. Crysty, and Cristain Barbour, quhilkis war ordanit to be baneist of this toune, vpoune this conditioun following: That in respeck thai ar delaittit for adultrye, and ar cuesit be the kirk for thair inobediens, that gif thai will submit thameselffis to the ordinans of the kirk, and schaw thair repentans as the kirk sall devyse, in that caise thai salbe sufferit to remain in this towne vpoun cautioun, and wtherwayis nocht; quhilkis personnis fand the said catioune as is aboun wretin.

6th October, 1570.

The said day, anent the supplicatioune exhibeit and presentit to the consel be Androw Kempt anent the teycheing and instrucking of the childryne and bairnis of the sang scoil, quhilk presentlie is destitut of all exercitioune, (but prejudice of ony persoun haifand tytile and enteres thairto,) as in the said supplicatioune at mair leyngth is contenit, the haill consaill, present for the tyme, all in ane voice, in respeck that Schir Johnne Blak, quha was anes maister of the said sang scoill, is presentlie absent of the realme, and na exercitioun of musick vsit in the said scoill, lyk as thair hes beine, na exercitioune thairin thir diuerse yeris bygane, and for diuerse vther causis, reyplie aduysit, acceptit, and admyttit (induring thair will) the said Androw Kempt to the said office, to teiche and instruct thair youththeid and cheildreine in the said facultay of mwseik, meaners, and wertew, for payment of sic lesum dewetie as wse hes beine, and as he appoyntis witht the parentis and freindis of the bairnis.

[ADDITIONAL EXTRACTS.]

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Willelmus Blindcele stans ad barram calumpniauit Willelum Cuk dicens quod iniuste ab eo detinuit unum dubletum pretii viii s. et unam togam longam pretii xx s. Johannes Crab prolocutor dicti Willelmi Cuk negauit wrang et unlaw concedens quod habuit unum dubletum et unam togam datum sibi in vadum per Johannem de Brechyn qui tenebatur sibi in xxviii s. et hoc dixit quod probaret. postea Willelmus Blindcele e contrario dixit asserendo quod dictus Willelmus Cuk dictam togam et dubletum ab eo replegiauit et obligauit se illam togam et dubletum iterum sibi intrari ad suam voluntatem et per plegium extendebat quod sibi dictam togam et dubletum debebat sibi reintrari Johannes vero Crab antedictus dixit quod ex quo allegauit ad suam probationem illa probatio debetur procedere Willelmus Blyndcele allegauit in contrarium dicens quod ex quo primum plegium extendebat videlicet quod dictus Willelmus Cuke debebat sibi dicta bona reintrare ex eo quod eadem a se replegiauit quod allegauit probare illa probatio sit subsita per plegium suum prius extenss. debetur procedere aliam probationem allegat. per dictum Johannem Crab unde ista actio propter debilitatem curie differtur ad diem lune proximo futuro

Memorand. quod illa controuersia mota inter Thomam Spryng et Johannem Wrycht tam deuastationis cuiusdam terre quam dictus Johannes de eodem Thoma tenuit in feodo ad declarationem et determinationem communis consilii ex consensu et unanimi assensu dictorum Thome et Johannis bona fide prestita data fuit et commissa et per idem consilium sic extetit ordinatum quod idem Johannes Wrycht ipsam terram quam sic vastam et desolatam dimiserat reintraret et inhabitaret et in eodem statu seruaret quo fuit in tempore ante suum recessum in edificiis et ceteris Etiam quod idem Johannes firmam de eadem terra debitam ex terminis retroactis eidem Thome ex nunc persolueret et idem Thomas dictum

7th February, 1398. Johannem in eadem terra warandizaret et warandizare tenetur in forma iuris Super aliis petitionibus et actionibus inter eosdem motis seu hinc inde petendis eligerent ex utraque parte duos probos viros ad quorum determinationem super premissis dict. Thomas et Johannes stabunt firmiter et eorum decreta seruabunt in futuris.

[Ad iter Camerarii.]

Memorand. quod decimo tertio die mensis Martii Paulus Crab iuxta tronum burgi de Abdene. in manibus Willelmi Borthwyk tunc unius balliuorum dicti burgi extendebat plegium ad iter camerarii quod ex quo falsificauit iudicium de actione mota inter ipsum et Thomam Spryng quod dictus Thomas non debet se intromittere in terris pertinentibus dicto Paulo quousque falsificatio illius iudicii fuerit determinat. Ulterius etiam extendebat per dictum plegium quod dictus Thomas debet restituere sibi omnes firmas receptas post falsificationem dicti iudicii ex quo ut dict. est dicti judicii falsificatio adhuc non est determinata testibus ad premissa vocatis per dictum Willelmum tunc balliuum quod amplius ab eo dictus Paulus per tunc non requirebat nec plegium uel ad premissa duo [ ] solutionis extendebat Adam Benyn Andr. Petr. et Willelmo Gleny

[Ad iter Camerarii.]

Memorand. quod decimo septimo die eiusdem mensis Martii in pretorio burgi de Abden. accedens coram preposito et communitate in presentia sedent. Alexr. Man commorans cum domino comite de Craufvird petiit ab aldirmano et communitate unam cartam perlegi de quodam annuo redditu pertinente quondam Willelmo de Dunbar de terra quam nunc inhabitat Willelmus Scherol ut dicta carta in se plenius continet nunc ut dictus Alexander asseruit pertinente Johanne sponse dicti quondam Willelmi de Dunbar que Johanna tradidit dicto Alexandro dictam cartam ut ipse de dicto annuo redditu capiet sasinam hereditariam quod sibi concessit dictum annuum redditum in sua pura viduitate et ex sua libera donatione propter cartam factam sibi et etiam ratione consanguinitatis unde dictus Alexander dictam sasinam petiit secundum copiam dicte carte sibi dari a balliuis Willelmus Scherol in eodem pretorio et eodem die existens extendebat plegium ad iter camerarium quod dictus Alexr. non potuit nec debuit capere sasinam de dicto annuo redditu secundum quod hactenus res se habent et dictus Alexander dict. pleg. recontrarauit

9th May, 1398.

9th May, 1398.

Johannes filius Walteri et Johannes Spryng accusati quod non tenent pretium carnis et quod emunt pisces extra villam in preiudicium communitatis ville ceperunt se ad quitantiam suam in die lune proximo futuro.

Laur. campsi [ ] est ad quietanciam suam eodem die fiend. propter dictas causas et ultimo acquietauit se quod non emit carnes post pascham.

Willelmo filio Ade et Johanni Gilberti adiungitur ad suas quitantias dicto die lune quod non emerunt pisces in preiudicium et dampnum ville scilicet et Thomas Johannis Et isti tres sunt in amerciamento quod vendunt carnes sine pretio.

Adiungitur Willelmo filio Ade ad suam probationem die lune proximo futuro quod Thomas Johannis percussit ipsum Et eidem adiungitur ad suam quitantiam eodem die quod non perturbauit Thomam Johannis.

14th July, 1398.

Eodem die Robertus Schirraff calumpniauit Willelmum filium Ade carnificem quod iniuste occupauit quandam domum que sua erat et sine licensia dictus vero Willelmus petiit legalem diem et legalem summonitionem tanquam vicinus ad vicinum unde assignatur eis proprias dies legales pro determinatione actionis predicte.

17th July, 1398.

Eodem die Johannes Crab posuit se in voluntate balliuorum de acquietantia sibi injuncta per balliuos videlicet de verberatione et maledictione Jonete Nory ac etiam de perturbatione domus Andree Petr. et sic in duobus amerciamentis.

4th August, 1398.

Johannes Ayncroft filius posuit se in voluntate balliuorum pro verberatione uxoris Roberti filii Colini Et ulterius se obtulit per visum vicinorum suorum siue communis consilii ad satisfaciend. dicte mulieri de dicta verberatione et ad hoc inuenit Willelmum Cryn pleg.

26th August, 1398.

Johannes Spryng calumpniauit Patricium Crane quod exquo fuit pleg. de haymhald pro Henrico de Louthiane pro quodam equo ab eodem Henrico per ipsum Johannem empto et ille equus fuit arestatus in viceco-

26th August, 1398. mitatu de Kyncardyn et ibidem ille equus a dicto Johanne judicatus fuit per legem Item Patricius tenetur ei restituere pretium dicti equi videlicet xxiiii s. cum dampnis suis in eo tempore sublatis qui quidem Patricius fatebatur se pleg. fuisse modo quo supra et diem petiit videlicet tempus xl dierum ut debitorem quereret et parti satisfaceret unde dicta dies sibi data fuit ad satisfaciend. parti de pretio equi et de dampnis suis et expensis secundum quod probaret et ad hoc inuenit pleg. videlicet.

16th September, 1398.

Eodem die Thomas filius Johannis Carnifex posuit se in voluntate balliuorum quod fuit rebellis serjiandis ville.

3d October, 1398.

Liber communitatis burgi de Abirdene est iste qui incipit die lune proximo post festum beati Michaelis Archangeli anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo nonagesimo nono Quo die electus fuit Adam de Benyn cum consensu et assensu totius communitatis dicti burgi in officium aldirmani Et Willelmus Blyndcell Simon de Benyn Johannes Wormet et Johannes filius Thome electi fuerunt in officium balliuorum et Maritius filius Roberti Donaldus Ka Fergusius filius Ade et Johannes de Lucris electi sunt in officium serjiandorum.

Eodem die electi sunt in communes consiliarios dicti burgi Willelmus de Camera pater Laurentius de Leth Willelmus de Camera filius Alexander Banerman Thomas Spryng Willelmus Andree Johannes Andree Johannes de Ledale Dauid de Scrogis Johannes Scherar Robertus filius Dauid Johannes Lottoun Hugo Abirbothnot Johannes Ruthirford Willelmus de Crag Simone Lamb Ricardus de Lownan Willelmus Borthwyk Johannes Strang et Ricardus Fichet

Lineatores.

Johannes de Tulach
Willelmus Sprout
Johannes Sprout
Adam Strathekyn
Johannes Lambyntoun
Willelmus Spaldyng
Gilbertus de Kynros
Robertus de Arnache
Willelmus Baxter Mykyl
Mauritius Suerdslep
Magr. Johannes Wrycht

3d October, 1398.

Appretiatores Carnium.

Thomas Lamb yhunger
Johannes Yhule
Patricius Club
Johannes Lambyntoun

Gustatores Vini.

Gaufridus de Ramfru
Et Johannes Hervy

Gustatores Ceruisie.

Adam Wrycht
Alanus Smyth
Johannes Cristini
Robertus Baxter
Simone Bayard
Adam Codlyn

Magistri Ecclesie.

Dauid de Scrogis
Willelmus Blyndcele
Johannes Scherar
Johannes Sprout

Depositores.

Johannes filius Andree
Johannes Ruthirford

In prima tenta die Veneris immediate ante festum pentecostes ordinatum est quod quicunque inuenerit porcos in blado suo capiet eos tanquam escaeta appropriando eos sibi tanquam proprios porcos.

29*th October*, 1398.

Memorand. quod eodem die controuersia mota inter Simonem Lamb ex parte una et Johannem Crab filium ex parte altera de quodam annuo redditu nouem solidorum exeunt. de illa terra jacente infra burgum de Abirdene in vico furcarum in occidentali parte eiusdem vici inter terram Johannis Strang ex parte australi et terram Nicolai Reginald ex parte boreali quem annuum redditum dictus Johannes Crab habuit a fratre Johanne Bothwill ordinis fratrum predicatorum de Abirdene gerent. se pro tunc justum possessorem dicti annui redditus ut prius suam traditionem inde factam dicto Johanni Crab prout scriptum est in quodam rotulamento inde confecto in libro communitatis burgi de Abirdene de anno etc. nonagesimo sexto in curia per balliuos tenta tertio die mensis Septembris eiusdem anni sexti quod rotulamentum ita dicit et in se proportat. Memorand. quod vicesimo octauo die mensis Septembris anno etc. nonagesimo septimo [?] comparuit in pretorio frater Johannes Bothwill ordinis fratrum predicatorum burgi de Abirdene et palam tradidit Johanni Crab filio imperpetuum sine animo reuocandi aut contradicendi in futurum omne ius et iuris clameum quod habuit in illo annuo redditu nouem

29th October, 1398. solidorum alias sibi debito de una terra jacente infra burgum de Abirdene in vico furcarum in occidentali parte eiusdem vici inter terram Johannis Strang ex parte australi et terram Nicholay Riginaldi ex parte boreali sic quod dictus frater Johannes Bothwill in presentia aldirmani et balliuorum iurauit corporaliter quod post . . . . jus suum fideliter dicto Johanni Crab tradidit nunquam intendit se intromittere predicto annuo redditu teste curia Inde tandem ita fuit determinatum vere quod dictus Simo Lamb elegit pro parte sua Johannem Scherar unum balliuorum dicti burgi Johannem Ruthirfurd et Willelmum Scherol suos arbitros et dictus Johannes Crab pro parte sua elegit Willelmum Andr. Adam le Benyn et Johannem Andr. suos arbitros Willelmo de Camera patre tunc aldirmano dicti burgi ex consensu utriusque partis electo pro superiori ad concordand. dictas partes si in aliquo discordirent Quo facto et predictis arbitris sedentibus adjunctis per se nullis aliis se cum ipsis miscentibus tandem sibi aduocari fecerunt predictos Simonem et Johannem qui arbitres unanimiter et concordanter venientes in pretorio coram Simone de Benyn et Magistro Willelmo Dicsoun balliuis dicti burgi necnon et ceteris de curia precepiunt dicto Johanni Crab ut quod per eos fuerat determinatum ipse supleret et faceret qui Johannes voluntarie et sponte in manibus dicti Magistri Willelmi unius balliuorum dicti burgi tradens unam cyrotecam nomine dicti annui redditus ut ipse Magister Willelmus eandem cyrotecam et nomine eiusdem annui redditus traderet dicto Simoni Lamb ita dixit Ego Johannes Crab filius mea mera et spontanea voluntate sine animo reuocand. vel contradicendi palam trado Simoni Lamb conburgen. meo et vicino omne ius et iuris clameum quod habeo in illo annuo redditu sepissime antedicto exeunte de terra illa superius nominata Teste curia.

Memorand. quod quarto die mensis Decembris anno quo supra Willelmus de Camera pater aldirmanus ville deuenit pleg. pro Roberto Russ mercatore Anglie ad seruand. ballivos ville scilicet Robertum Dauid Simonem de Benyn Johannem Scherar et Magistrum Willelmum Dicsoun indempnes erga pisces salmon. per dictum Robertum et suos seruentes in diuersis nauibus et diuersis vicibus a dicta villa transportat et hinc et ab omni calumpnia fiend. per dominum nostrum regem si contigerit de noua custuma facta super pisces et aliis contentis in statutis.

Crastino vero die. s. decimo die huius mensis Decembris Willelmus de Camera pater prolocutor Thome Halc stans ad barram petiit Ward curie dicto Thome Halc dari de actione mota inter dictum Thomam et Willelmum de Strade secundumquod prius in rotulamentis superius scriptis unde Simo de Benyn ibidem sedens in pretorio tanquam judex qui balliuus fatebatur se promptum et paratum ad faciend. ea que in tali tam iudici pertinebat sed propter debilitatem curie dictam ward non potuit procedere illo die Idcirco dictus Willelmus de Camera pater prolocutor dicti Thome Halc extendebat plegium ad iter Camerar. que exquo dictus Thomas ter comparuit ad barram per tres dies sibi assignatos a balliuis ad recipiend. dictam ward et dicta ward non fuit sibi data propter debilitatem curie ut predicitur consequenter Thomas conuictus fuit a calumpnia dicti Willelmi de Strade. 29th October, 1398.

1399, *Tuesday after the Feast of Michael the Archangel.*

Copia Lambyntoun and Craufurd.

This is the cunand made betwex the comownys of Abden on the ta part, and Jon Lambynton and Crawfurd, mason, on the tother part: that is to say, that the forsaid masonys sale hew to the forsaid commownys xii durris and xii wyndowys, in fre tailly, and sall delyvir frely thaim at ony key of Abirden, or ellis at the sandis at Lawrence of Lethis howss, and that werk sal be sufficiand gude, but freything borth ilk ane for oyther.

Et dictus Johannes Lambynton obligauit se bona fide ad deliverand. dict. ostia et fenistras apud le key de Abirden ante festum Pasche proximo futur. seipso pleg.

22*d October*, 1399.

Henricus Sclatur et Nicolaus Mercer particulariter calumpniat de perturbatione ville per brigam inter ipsos motam negauerunt dictam perturbationem unde adiungitur eisdem ad suas acquietantias die lune proximo futuro de perturbatione antedicta.

3*d November*, 1399.

Eodem die Simon Bayard accedens ad barram obtulit se paratum ad sectum Willelmi Blyndcele et ad respondend. eidem de omnibus que de iure potuit opponere contra eum Quo quidem Willelmo legitime vocato ad prosequend. contra dictum Simonem et non comparente dictus Simon

3d November, 1399. extendebat pleg. quod conuictus fuit a calumpnia sua tanquam illo die et quousque nouiter fuerat attachatus.

14*th November*, 1399.

Adiungitur Waltero Rede ad veniend. die lune proximo futuro cum sua acquietantia nomine uxoris sue ad acquietand. se quod non peiorat forum emendo vel vendendo brass. farinam vel auenam pro maiori pretio quam vicini sui offerunt pro eisdem videlicet arris vicinorum existentibus in manibus vendentium de pretio antedicto etiam quod non propinat de huiusmodi rebus sic emptis in domo sua aliter quam iuris ordo requirit in preiudicium communitatis.

1*st December*, 1399.

Johannes Crab prolocutor Matilde Strang calumpniauit quendam foris habitantem vocatum Robertum Gal qua calumpnia omnino dimissa Ita concordatum est inter partes quod dictus Robertus infra xv dies post aduentum Thome Strang citra mare veniet ad burgum de Abdene. in eodem statu sicut hodie stetit in curia ad respondend. dicto Thome vel eius deputato adea que habet contra eundem objecere in forma iuris pleg. pro dicto Roberto Simone Lamb

Eodem die Alanus Jacobi prolocutor prioris domus fratrum carmelitarum calumpniauit Adam filium Walteri quod iniuste ab eo tenet iiii s. et vi d. de firmis domus sue cuius domus dict. Adam adhuc habet clauem Johannes Scherar prolocutor dicti Adami respondebat dicens quod diuersa sunt compotand. inter dict. priorem et Adam offerendo omnes actiones inter ipsos ad componem et determinationem vicinorm suorum ad hoc eligendorum et quod dicta actio debeat sic terminari extendebat per pleg. dictus Alanus dict. pleg. recontrariauit dicens quod firma domus predicte que pertinet ad dictos fratres carmelitares nullo modo debeat deferri non solut. ultra terminum nec ad componicionem vicinorum poni ward huius pleg. et recontrariationis differtur ad proprium diem legalem proper debilitatem curie.

9*th February*, 1400.

Johannes Ledale famulus Johannis Ledale burgen. de Abdene. calumpniatus ex parte regis quod perturbauit villam cum dedryke quod flamingo

negauit omnimodam perturbationem Adiungitur eidem ad veniend. in octauis presentis curie ad suam acquietantiam secundum quod exigit ordo iuris pleg. pro ipso Alexandro Banerman. 9th February, 1400.

Similiter dictus Johannes Ledale famulus calumpniatus quod postquam inuenit pleg. de indempnitate dict. dedryke pro se vel sua impetratione in presentia balliuorum vel unius eorum secundum exigentiam iuris et dict. pleg. in presentia unius balliuorum fregit. dampna regis fuerunt sibi taxata ad valorem centum librarum proper dictum [ ] cum amicis suis auisatus de dicta calumpnia posuit se in voluntate balliuorum Unde adiudicatus est in dicta pena per os iudicis curie ad hoc iurat. pleg. Alexandro Banerman et Johanne Ledale

31*st May*, 1400.

Repertum est et ordinatum per assisam quod Elena Scotcok est relegand. per centum annos et dies et si iterum ad villam veniat ferrum ferlot. affigetur in gena sua Et Cyffy si unquam in posterum delinquat eadem pena et eodem modo punietur.

1*st October*, 1400.

In prima tenta primo die mensis Octobris anno quo supra adiungebatur Willelmo Walkar de Hole ad acquietand. se in octauis injuncto prime se decimo tertio quod non procurauit dumum contra vicinos suos In crastina die adiungebatur Girkyno Webster ad veniend. in die Sabbati proximo sequente acquietando se decimo tercio quod non locutus fuit aliqua verba enormia contra balliuos vel in despectum eorum vel legess.

20*th June*, 1401.

Quia deputatus camerar. in exitu ultimi itineris sui tenti infra burgum de Abirden dedit balliuo mandata quod leuaret assissam fidedignorum dicti burgi sui ad determinand. causam et actionem mot. inter Willelmum de Strade et Petrum de Paxtoun dictus Willelmus accedens ad barram petiit illud mandatum supleri et ad hoc extendebat pleg. et ulterius extendebat pleg. quod dictus Petrus tenetur compareri ad quodlibet iter camerarii responsur. iuri et [ ] asserendo ulterius et dicendo quod dictus Petrus fuit fugitimus in quatuor itineribus camerarii ultimo tentis infra dictum burgum. Dictus Petrus incontinenter accedens ad bar-

20th June, 1401.

ram et audita per eum recitatione dicti Willelmi ac plenius intellecta obtulit se promptum et paratum coram preposito balliuis et plena curia ad ponend. omnes causas actiones et controuersias motas inter ipsum et dictum Willelmum ad determinationem vicinorum insuspectorum ad hoc ex utraque parte electorum et de hoc petiit testimonium ab omnibus consedentibus scilicet preposito balliuis et plena curia.

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Lucia the Virgin, 1401.

Ordinatum est quod nullus infra burgum manens presumat vendere boll. sal. minus v s. et iiii d. et petr. ferri pro xvi d. sub pena de v s. et iiii d. qualibet vice qua frangitur dicta ordinatio de venditione [ ] et sub pena de xvi d. qualibet vice qua frangitur ordinatio ferri excepta venditione predictorum facta vicinis ville et dominis pace scilicet vendit. in quantitate 2^{m} celdr. et dim. celdr. vel integr. roddis ferri et ista ordinatio durabit ad festum Pasche proximo futurum.

1401.

Reuerence and honour likit yhu to wit, that the lord of Keth arestit yhur wyn and yhur oxin, and for gud causis as he lete ws wit; and for yhur sakis we made him request that he suld frely delyuer thaim, for the quilk request he has delyuerit thaim frely at this tym, for we ar thai at wald at gud acord war betwex yhu and hym, and wil do our besynes to bryng it thar to at our power, at the quilk accord he sayis he wald be gladly and sal nocht leve in his defaute. Qwarfor, der lord, it is our consale, and we requir yhu, that for essy of the contrar and quiet of our place, yhe wald asich gif yhe ocht aw hym, sa that hym nedit nocht in tyme to cum til mak sic pundyng and namly in our tovn, for he says it is previt dete that yhe aw hym, and of lang tyme by gane; and gif yhe will adreis yhu to be at ony day with hym for the knawlege of the forsaid thyngis sends ws word, and we sal late hym wit, and gif it langs ansuer we sal ger send it yhu, for we ar richt mykil haldyn to yhu, and als til hym. God kepe yhur estate as we desir.

Prima tenta per preposit. decimo sexto die mensis Octobris ubi cum consensu et assensu maioris partis de communitate ibidem congregat. ordinatum fuit pro communi utilitate ville et commorantium in eadem.

In primis quod summoniti personaliter ad curias seu ad primas pre-

positi et non comparentes ante ultimam vocationem sect. nisi legitimum habeant essonum soluet iiii d. sine remissione. 20th June, 1401.

Et eodem modo et eandem penam soluet absentes a curia balliuorum in diebus legalibus.

Item de pistoribus brasiatoribus et carnificibus capiend. est pro primo forisfacto xii d. pro secundo ii s. pro tertio iii s. et pro quarto forisfacto suspendatur ab officiis suis per annum.

Item si aliquis infra burgum percussit aliquem cum gladio bipenni cultello vel baculo soluet octo solidos Et si cum pugno percussit quatuor solidos Et si aliquis maledixerit aliquem infra burgum ipsum menciendo vel tangendo bonam famam suam soluet duos solidos.

Item, si aliquis vicinus ville voluntarie detineat aliquod debitum ab alio vicino permittendo ipsum procedere coram balliuis usque ad quartum diem processus et super hoc conuictus fuerit iuridice vel concedendo soluet octo solidos sine remissione.

Item si aliquis dispersionauerit maledixerit vel inobediens fuerit aliquibus officiariis ville suum officium exercentibus soluet octo solidos sine remissione et hoc [ ] de burgen.

Item si aliquis maledixerit in primis prepositi vel curiis balliuorum soluet octo solidos.

Item si aliquis alte loquatur in primis prepositi vel curiis balliuorum unde predicte curie inquietantur nisi sit cum licentia petita et obtenta et legitime loquatur soluet xii d.

Item aliqua regrataria emat aliquod antequam veniat ad forum et crucem burgi et post pulsationem campane soluet xii d.

Item si aliquis emat brasinum vel farinum in domibus antequam veniat ad forum et crucem burgi et ibidem stet usque pulsationem campane soluet ii s.

Item in curius balliuorum nulla probatio acceptabitur nisi [ ] probatio et littera sigillata residuum vero ponetur ad assisam

Item quod quilibet foristallator conuictus de foristallatione lane corium vel pellium soluet quinque marcas sine remissione

Item quilibet burgensis receptans vel celans foristallatores vel eorum bona in preuidicium libertatis burgi vel communitatis utilitatis eiusdem soluet xl s.

Item quicunque habuerit aliquem panum cuiuscumque non libere infra burgum ad tingend. vel quecunque alia bona ultra mar. Vel etiam burgen.

20th June, 1401. forishabitantes non locantes neque scotant. soluet xl s. et panus et alia bona erunt eschaeta

Item quicunque diebus diuersis infra villam emerint vel vendiderint aliquas mercandizas soluet decem solidos sine remissione

Ordinatum est quod quicunque maledixerit preposito balliuis vel cuicunque officiar. regis pro primo transgressu osculabitur stillicigium pro secundo transgressu ponetur super stilicigium et [ ] cum eius [ ] et pro tertio transgressu exulabitur de villa anno et die et hoc intelligitur si non fuerint burgen.

Et memorandum quod quilibet est liber ad emenda. infra Marr pro quocunque precio pro quo voluit et ly Marr contin. a Monymusk et Kege et Forbes australiter dovne the water of Donne ad Abirden apon the su [syd] of that ilk watter.

And thir arr the sortis that arr outetane the Lord of Mar, Sir W. of Keth, the Bischop of A[berden], the Abbot of Der, the Lord the Hay, Malcolm Marchell, S. Jon of Nevy, Andr. of Keth pater, Sir Henry Preston, Thom. Brisbane, Alexr. Fraser of Percok.

And qwa sua brekis this ordenance, he sal pay xl s. als oft tymes as he brekis it, how mekyll or how lytil that euer he buyis within a sek of woll; and gif any excedis byand mar than a sett. of woll agayn this ordenance, how oftymys he dois he sall pay iiii [s.]

1402.

Curia capitalis que debebat teneri die lune proximo post dominicam qua cantatur quasi modo geniti de anno huius libri differebatur ad quintam diem mensis Julii de predicto anno eo quod medio tempore fuit quoddam consilium generale tent. apud Perth ubi oportebat inter cetera ibidem determinanda videri quomodo curia debebat infra regnum affirmari post mortem nobilissimi principis domini Roberti Illustris regis Scotie Quo die curia affirmata ex parte domini Roberti ducis Albanie generalis gubernatoris regni Scotie prepositi et balliuorum burgi de Abden. etc. et sect. vocat. absent. patent. in rotulis

Forist. et Tannatores de primo anno Roberti Dauid

Moricius Sutar de Ratry forist. et tannator pessimus

Alexander de Spens foristallator maximus conuict per assisam pro forist.

Simo Sutar de Der forist. et tannator

Adam Colini foristallator maximus 1402.

Johannes Scot de Fyvy forist. est maximus [ ] maro ad arrestanda bona sua

Thomas Clerkson de Aldane maximus

Thomas Home at the Grange of Inuerogy forist. et tannator conuict pro forist. pell.

Thomas Imlach apud Logalussis forist. et tanator } apud Frendracht
Will Sucar apud Drumdola forist et tannator }

Robertus Brovne apud Frendracht forist. Et Gyb Bowman Isti duo maximi forist. ad Morauiam

Alexr. Spryng forist est in [ ]

Robertus de Garviach apud Achmacludy tanator

Johannes Watsoun filius Walteri Johannis forist.

Rogarsoun apud Kirktoun de Philorth forist.

Filius Andree de Mar commorans cum patre suo forist.

Filius Thome Home cum Thoma Lambe forist.

Girk cum Ric. Incheen forist. est maximus.

Will. filius Niclay de Kyninmond tannator ad signum quod fecit sutorem de Deir facer. sibi ocreas et seculares quos vendit ad nundinas

Johannes filius Colini apud Ester Tyry tannator

Jac. Joffraysoun forist. est emit cor. prius premonitionem.

Johannes cum Willelmo Dayntre forist. ad preposit.

Duncane Rolland forist. est

Johannes Smale forist. est

Johannes Hulk

Adam filius Willelmi cum Thoma Lamb forist.

Johannes Pennysoun forist. est

Mury Dunny

Filius Thome Yhung de Dursblar venit ad domum Thome Lamb cum quodam rurali

W. Thaynstoun

Duncanus pater suus commoratur apud Kyntor et venit ad domum Willelmi Thaynstoun

Johannes Lamb habet garciferos nomina vestiuntur

Simo More receptat foristallatores

Thomes Halc slr.

Johannes Flechar tannator et forist. prius [ ] de cor. per Dominum

1402. Johannes Fynnysoun apud Crechmond tannator
Michael Sutar de Kynmanydy tannator
Johannes Oute with the swerd apud Der tannator est
Rayny de Pethynstoth apud Quiltis de fedra tannator
Johannes Horn apud Furvy tannator
Mury Sutar apud Scotistoun tannator
Thomas Hugonis ly apud Rathyn tannator
Johannes filius Thome apud molendinum de Alden tannator
Johannes Letgate forist. conuersatur cum Jacobo Walkar de Der
Duncanus paruus garcio qui furt cum Johanne Tulach laborat
Willelmus Hugonis forist. maximus
Walterus Fayrhare forist.
Johannes filius Nicholay Lethe forist.
Michall Sutar de Inuervry tannator
Andreas Wodman forist. maximus
Nicholaus Sutar de Obeyn tannator
Johannes filius eius apud Obeyn tannator
Thomas Fynlay cum Duncano de Marr
Morice cum Duncano de Marr } forist.
Johannes de Strathekyn cum eodem
Morgan de Forest forist.
Robert Watsoun at the furd halussis of Kintor tannator
Andre Mathysoun apud Babuthane tannator
Johannes Lamb pleg. ad iter camerarium
Ady Lawsoun de Strabolgy tannator
Will Sutar apud Kyntor
Will Blakburn ibidem
Johannes Wilkysoun pater suus commoratur apud Achynstynk venit ad Willelmum de Thaynstoun forist.
Alanus de Meldrum apud Meldrum tannator
Thomas apud Scyves tannator
Simo Curst forist.
Litil Wil apud Fovern tannator
Jamy Lawsoun cum opella et forist. animalia
Johannes de Camera de Cumesty forist. lana. valde
Johannes Qwitbrow forist.
Robert Sutar de Petynkery tannator

Rogy Malcolmsoun apud Corthill tannator 1402.
Adam Sutar apud ly Brynchall de Kyntor
Johannes Inglis de Balbuthane
Robert Buklar de Athirwike est in amer.
Johannes Atkynsoun } de Inuervry
Johannes Andro }
Meg Cambrawno de Monymusk
Amy Lowask apud Kyngudy
Will Dauid de Cluny
Thomas Makysoun apud Newburgh tannator et forist. ad Lychtoun

Secatores parui.

Donaldus Gray apud Drumblate
Jacobus Walkar de Der
Johannes Walkar de Armakar
Thomas Walkar de Carnbulg
Johannes Rede apud Crechmond
Simo Smale apud Elon
Ricardus Walkar quondam apud Straloch
Thomas Walker apud Cragydarge
Johannes Walkar in parochia de Kynerny
The Walkar of Rothy Brisbane
Thomas Walkar de Migmar
Donaldus Walkar apud Beldy
Unus Walkar de Arqwhorsk

1405.

Memorand. quod xiii die mensis Junii de anno predicto in curia legali ibidem tenta comparuit coram balliuis Alexander de Keth asserens quod idem dies sibi fuit assignatus per balliuos ad recipiend. quandam probationem ducendam per Simonem de Benyn contra quandam obligationem sibi per dictum Simonem factam vel quoddam aliud defaciens contra eandem obligationem Vnde dicti balliui fecerunt vocari ad barram dictum Simonem ad producendam suam probationem vel ad monstrandum suum defaciens qui Simo accedens ad barram petiit obligationem suam sibi monstrari et perlegi Qua sibi tandem monstrata et perlecta dictus Simo allegauit quod predicta obligatio nullius fuit valoris aut momenti eo quod vi coactus et

1405. in carcere detentus et sue potestatus non existens fecit et sigillauit prefatam obligationem quibus de causis porrexit pleg. ad iter Camerarii quod illa obligatio fuit illegitima et eum non debeat coarcari vel ligari seu per eam distringi ad aliquam satisfactionem vel solutionem et hoc allegauit esse sufficiens defaciens dictam obligationem pro parte sua hoc facto Alexander de Keth extendebat pleg. quod exquo dictus dies fuit sibi assignatus ad recipiend. probationem seu defaciens ut premittitur quam obligationem prefatam faciendam a dicto Simone et ipse Simo nullam probationem seu aliquod defaciens legitime contra dictam obligationem produxit ad suam calumpniam peruenit tam non defens. Vnde partibus remotis a curia curia bene consulta et auisata considerabat quod exquo pleg. dicti Alexandri porrectum fuit post clamationem Itineris Camerarii non poterat eum wardare nec se de eo incontinente Et etiam curia considerabat quod ex quo pleg. dicti Simonis fuit porrectum ad iter Camerarii ante pleg. dicti Alexandri quod omnia premissa debeant de iure differri ad iter Camerarii et hoc notificatum fuit utrique parti in plena curia per dictos balliuos ipsas partes premuniendo dicto itineri inde [ ] ad capiend. ibidem super sua controuersia iuris et iustitie complementum

Memorand. quod decimo sexto die mensis Aprilis anno etc. cccc^{mo} septimo quedam discordia accidebat inter dominum Walterum de Lyndesay ex una parte et dominum Alexandrum de Forbes ex altera parte Super mitigatione cuius discordie prepositus et balliui ceperunt pleg. et securitatem de ambabus partibus predictis quod nulla partium predictarum dampnabit aliam nisi per viam iuris super premunitione octo dierum pleg. pro domino Waltero Roberto Dauid aldirmano et Laurentio de Leth et Simone de Benyn Plegiis pro domino Alexandro Johanne Alani Johanne Henrici et Andrea. Johannis

Gwyn aurifab. posuit se in voluntate balliuorum pro perturbatione ville et Copyn in amerciamenta pro consimili causa xv s. ix d.

17*th June*, 1410.

Memorand. quod anno Domini millesimo cccc^{mo} decimo septimo die mensis Junii ordinatum fuit per commune consilium et maiorem partem mercatorum dicti burgi quod deinceps nullus emat lanam Buchanie pro maiori pretio quam pro ii s. exceptis sortis dominorum et liberetenentium Et quod lana illorum dominorum et liberetenentium non excedat xxx d.

et quod lana de Marr non excedat xxx d. et lana de ly Garviach Et qui excessit istam ordinationem soluet xx s. quotiens super hoc conuictus fuit et deponetur a sua libertate pro anno et die Et si placuerit communitati de nouo emet libertatem suam. 17th June, 1410.

11th October, 1411.

Ordinatum est et statutum pro tota communitate in una prima tenta ix° die Octobris de anno etc. cccc^mo^ xi^mo^ pro termino unius anni quod quicunque vicinus ville vel inhabitans villam qui procurat dominos contra vicinum suum vel contra aliquem inhabitantem villam soluet qualibet vice qua sic fecerit quadraginta solidos sine remissione pro tribus vicibus Et si quarta vice fecerit priuabitur a libertate sua penitus et omnino Et si non habeat unde soluet dictam penam incarcerabitur per tres dies et tres noctes et postea abuirabit villam pro anno et die

Item ordinatum quod quicunque inhabitans villam suie vicinus fuerit suie non qui non venerit ad prepositum balliuos vel sergiandos qui viderint vel audierint ipsos vel aliquem ipsorum indigere adiutorio si de hoc conuicti fuerint soluet decem solidos sine remissione [ ] pena debet capi de ipsis qui se abstrahunt a vicinis suis quum se vident indigere adiutorio vel esse in punctu suppressionis et potissime per extrahabitantes burgum

Item ordinatum est quod quicunque non venerint ad primas prepositi vel ad curias balliuorum vel qui premunitus fuerit per sergiandos super viam ad veniend. coram preposito vel balliuis extra curias suas forte propter submittas causas vel actiones [ ] repente superuenientes ut sepe accidit soluet qualibet vice qua sic fecerit quatuor denarios sine remissione

Monday after the Feast of Epiphany, 1411.

Eodem die Alexander de Irwyn dominus de Drum tutor et curator [ ] filii et heredis Willelmi Crab quondam burgensis de Abirdene protestauit pro quodam annuo redditu quindem solidorum dict. [ ] debit. annuatim de illa terra quam tenuit Matheus Pynchest in feodo et hereditate de dicto quondam Willelmo Crab inter terram que fuit quondam dicti Mathei ex parte orientali et terram que fuit quondam Halde Fulane ex parte occidentali Ad quam terram veniens nichil inuenit distringibile pro dicto annuo redditu et terram et lapides quos presentauit in curia coram balliuis tanquam primo die huius processus Testibus Willelmo de Camera filio et Simone Lamb

1411. Die lune proximo post dominicam qua cantatur quasi modi geniti

Uxor Simonis palframan in amerciamento curie quod iniuste verberauit quandam mulierem et cepit pannos et iniuste ab eadem et in duobus amerciamentis quod concessit verberationem et postea quum assisa fuit leuata concessit iniustam captionem pannorum

Monday after the Feast of Epiphany, 1412.

Eodem die accedens ad barram Johannes Wricht protestabatur pro quodam annuo redditu duorum solidorum sibi et Alexandro Berclay de Garntuly annuatim debito et exeunte de quadam terra jacente in vico de Foty inter terram Johannis Atkynsoun ex parte australi et terram quondam Patricii Baxter quam dedit Duncano Hervy in maritagio cum filia sua ex parte boreali ad quam terram veniens nichil reperiit distringibile pro dicto annuo redditu preter terram et lapides quos presentauit in curia coram balliuis tanquam primo die huius processus Testibus Johanne Smale et Johanne Andree

23*d* *July*, 1412.

Quo die accedens ad barram Bricius filius Duncani cum prolocutoribus suis domino de Gordoun et Johanne Inchemartyn [ ] Rossen. extendebat per pleg. primo quod ex quo Andreas filius Giiberti ab eo recepit tres pipas de Wad et dict. Wad de illis pipis euacuauit ponendo illud Wad in quadam domo sua tenendo illud ultra xl dies non satisffaciend. summam per ipsum debitam dicto Bricio infra dictum tempus quod dictus Andreas audiens dictam calumpniam et dicti pleg. inuentionem stetit nichil respondendo non negando nec concedendo nec auisationem petendo Tunc dictus Johannes Inchemartyn tanquam prolocutor dicti Bricii extendebat per pleg. quod dictos Bricius Duncani ad suam peruenit calumpniam causa non defensa Ex quo dictus Andreas noluit negare vel concedere vel aliud legitimum responsum dare Quod pleg. dictus Andreas recontrariauit et sic ad wardam curie Unde partibus remotis curia diligenter auisata decreuit et per os Johannis filii Lawrentii iudicatoris curie datum fuit pro iudicio quod ultimum pleg. per dictum Johannem Inchemartyn nomine dicti Bricii extensi fuit valoris et recontrariatio facta per dictum Andream nullius valoris et dictus Andreas in amerciamento curie.

1412. 1412.

Item, it is ordenit, with hale consent of the comonateis, that ilke man duelland in the burgh, of wateuer state or conditioun that he be of, sal stand gaird, and with the aldirman and the baillies of the tovn, and for to kepe the comone profite of the tovne and the fredomys of it, and to supponale and maintene the officeris of the tovne in thair office doand, and thair nychtbouris als fra schaith and susprice, under the payne of banysing and tyttyn doune of his huss; and gif he has na huss, under the payne of banysyng and the guds eschete.

Als at thai ryss to the ryngyng of the comoun bell, and to biddyng of the officeris of the tovne; and giff ony soudane affray comys, that thai be redy under the said payne: and gif ony keip or persayvis ony schath aperand to the tovne, or ony at duells in it, that thai mak warnyng vnder the said payne.

Als, that nane haff lord na lordschip othir na the king, the duke, and the Erll of Marr, bot his aldirman and his baillies, under the said payne.

Als, qwatsumeuer has nocht his wapynnis redy, and beris thaim nocht, sal tyne viii s., withoute remissioun, and prisone quill that viii s. be payit.

Als, that nane reset or herbry ony outduelland men, in thair hussis, bot qwhame at thai will stand for, or ellis warn the officiaris als fast of thair cummyn, vnder payne of lyffe and tynsale of gudis.

26th January, 1433.

Item, the said day, befor the alderman the baillies and mony of the commoun consaill of the said burghe, comperit Williame Scherar, the quhilk was adiournayit of before to prufe this day as law wald, that he had assithit fullely Lankyn Wist, marchand of Brugis, the price of a bote of Maluesye with twa uthir stikkis of wyne bocht be the said Williame fra the said Lankyn; and with the said Williame comperit alsua Thomas Blyndzele and Cristyne of Kynnore, burges of the said burgh, as proves of the said payment of the said wyne. The quhilkis Thomas and Cristyne, efter the gret athe be thaim bodelik swornyn, affermit and said that thai war present, and for witnessis tane quhar that the [said] Lankin grantit before thaim that he was fullely assithit of the price of the said wyne, and that he was fullely content and paiit tharof eftir thair wittyng. Eftir the said proves, sawis, and deposicionis, Richard of Rutherford, forspekar of the said Lankyn, strekit a borch in Alexander of Kintoris hand, ane of the baillies of the

26th January, 1433. said burgh, to the neste Chamerlayn air, that the said prufe wes of na valu becaus the pruvaris deponit nocht in forme of the rolement of the court that the cause was eraste giffin out of, the quhilk borch the said Williame Scherar reconterit richt thair.

16*th March*, 1433.

Preposito et ballivis burgi nostri de Aberden

Rex

Frendis, as touchand the takyng doun of the houss pertenand to John Blak, aboue your venale, because of passage, it is our will that ye supersede of the taking doun of the said hous quhill ye haif forthir commandment of vs. Vrittin under our seignet, at Striuelyn, the xvi day of Mars, and of our regne twenty and aucht yer.

3*d February*, 1434.

Subscripta statuta facta tempore itineris Camerarii tenti infra burgum de Aberdene iii mense Februarii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo tricesimo quarto de communi consilio pro utilitate dicti burgi ordinata fuerunt seruari et custodiri infra burgum predictum saltem usque proximum iter Camerarii ibidem tenendum

It is ordanit be the chamerlayn, the alderman, the baillies, and the consail of the burgh of Aberdene, that na man na woman brew na sell ale fra this hour furth derrar than four or sex penys, as it salbe prisit, undir the payn of out takyng of thair ledis, and excludyng fray craft for yer and day, and eschet of the ale.

Item, it is ordanit, that na baxtar brek the paiss that is giffin or salbe giffin hym be the baillies, and quha sa dois, for the first defaut he sal pay viii s., at the next tyme xvi s., and at the thrid tyme, the brede to be eschet, and he to be putt on the pillary, and to be excludit fra his craft for yer and day; and thar atour ilk baxtar sal haf on his lofe his awn takyne, that it may be kennyt by quha aw the lofe, and quhat baxter be conuict thairof sal pay viii s. als oft as he trespassis.

Item, that quhat fleschar that beis conuict for brekyng of pece, or that sellis flesch or it be prisit, at the fyrst tyme, sal pay viii s., alsmekil at the tuthir tyme, and the thrid tyme the flesche to be eschet, and he to be excludit fra the craft for yer and day, and that na fleschar blaw flesch vnder the payn of eschetyng of it.

Item, that na hukstar by thingis to sel agyn before xi houris of the day, vndir the payn of eschet of the thing that scho biis 3d February. 1434.

Item, that na man na woman pas out of the portis to by anything quhil it be brocht on the market, vnder the payn of ane vnlaw and eschet of the thing bocht.

Item that na bakar of kakis bake kakis to sell, vnder the payn of eschete of the brede and banysing out of the toun for yer and day.

Item, that na fischar of sawmound sel fisch quhill he present tham to the market, vnder the payn of viii s., and that he house nane bot thai be tane vndir nycht, and on the morn brocht to the markete, vndir the samyn payn. And quhar the baillies gerris nocht the poyntis before said be kepit, and beis negligent in the execucioun hereof, and punyss nocht trespassouris as is beforesaid, the baillies beand tayntit thar apon, thai salbe ordanit to the kingis prisone, and ilkane of the baillies be thaim self in ten poundis to the kyng, but remyssioun.

4*th April*, 1434.

Item Thomas Umfraisoun Adam Nicholsoun Walterus Giffard Robertus de Camera Robertus Gillespy senior Johannes Richardsoun Willelmus Matheusoun Johannes de Loudoun qui electi fuerunt ad assisam et recesserunt de curia priusquam fuit curia debite finita eorum quilibet in amerciamento curie adiudicantur pro trangressione sua predicta.

4*th February*, 1436.

Item, uterque predictorum Willelmi Lausoun et Willelmi de Lambyntoun posuit se in voluntate balliuorum de uno amerciamento curie pro perturbatione ville

16*th April*, 1436.

Item eodem die Stephanus de Balrony comparens in curia exposuit quod alias botha sua fuit de nocte fracta per Isabellam de Curtastoun et matrem suam et diuersa bona sua per easdem furata prout inuentum fuit per scrutatores in domibus earundem protestando quod si contigerit ipsas Isabellam et matrem suam recuperare remissionem regis non liceat ipsas alienare terras suas cuicunque nisi prius restitutio dictorum bonorum a dicto Stephano furatorum fuerit facta

13th August, 1436.

13*th August*, 1436.

Curia balliorum burgi de Aberdene tenta xiii° die Augusti anno etc. xxxvi^to^ que curia tenta fuit propter sedacionem et castigacionem brigatorum Quo die secta vocata et curia affirmata Gilbertus nauta adiudicatus in amerciamento pro perturbatione Andree Michael et Christane de Ferne et tenetur emendare eisdem iuxta visum et ordinationem proborum virorum ex utraque parte ad hoc eligendorum

1*st October*, 1436.

Curia capitalis burgi de Aberdene tenta in pretorio eiusdem die lune primo die mensis Octobris die viz. iuridico post festum beati Michaelis Archangeli anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo tricesimo sexto Quo die sectis vocatis et curia affirmata coram fratribus gilde burgensibus et tota communitate predicta fuit et palam lecta per communem clericum quedam littera communi sigillo antiquo huius burgi patenter sigillata a quadraginta duobus annis iam elapsis ex consensu totius communitatis eiusdem burgi tunc confecta cuiusquidem littere tenor de verbo ad verbum sequitur in hec verba:

" Omnibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris burgenses et communitas de Abdene eternam in Domino Salutem vestra nouerit uniuersitas quod nos unanimi consensu et assensu totius communitatis in nostro pretorio palam die lune post festum beati Michaelis Archangeli anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo nonagesimo quarto ubi plena congregacio nostrorum burgensium erat congregata tunc pro utilitate nostra assidue preuisa et pro successoribus nostris in futuro tempore etiam considerata statuimus ordinauimus et ratificauimus et per presentes imperpetuum in hunc modum sine animo reuocandi approbamus duos depositores conseruatores distributores ac nostros receptores nostri burgi conburgen. omnium pecuniarum nostrarum infra nostrum burgum vel extra duntaxat Item quod nullus prepositus se aliquomodo intromittat a confectione presentium ad suam dispositionem de aliquibus pecuniis recipiendis vel etiam deliverandis ad communem bursam pertinentibus Sed duo depositores ad hoc per nos omni anno eligendi et ad nostram voluntatem duraturi ut prescribitur in manibus eorum bursam nostram communem habebunt et omni anno reddent nobis compotum de omnibus receptionibus et deliverationibus per ipsos receptis et liberatis Et hoc omnibus quorum interest vel interesse poterit notum facimus per presentes In cuius rei testimonium sigillum commune nostri burgi presentibus fecimus apponi anno mense die et loco supradictis."

31st October, 1436.

31st October, 1436.

Eodem die Johannes Robertsoun de Elgyne secundo die sepe vocatus responsurus magistro Johanni de Clatt canonico Crechmen. super plegio alias extenso super dictum Johannem Robertsoun pro iniusta detentione quatuordecim librarum ut prius in processu curie proximo precedentis non comparuit Et ideo datur bedello burgi in mandatis quod capiat [ ] de dicto Johanne et premuniat eundem ad proximam curiam legalem tanquam tertium diem huius processus

Item eodem die Jacobus Clerk balliuus burgi de Kyntor per commissionem dicti burgi replegiauit Patricium Umfraisoun burgensem de Kyntor super quem alias Robertus Gillespy senior extendit plegium quod dictus Patricius tenetur haymaldar equam quiquidem balliuus statuit diem martis ad quindenam ad tenend. legem dicto Roberto pleg. dicto balliuo de Kyntor

10th June, 1437.

Assisa ordinauit inter Johannem de Marr ex parte una et Andream de Cullane ex parte altera quod dictus Johannes tenebit se contentum de talibus denariatis quales dictus Andreas eidem Johanni liberauit Et pro pecunia restante cum dicto Andrea prout patet in papiro dictus Andreas liberabit tantum Wade eidem Johanni de tali pretio quali emit Wade in Flandera et vendidit hic in pala ista ut dictus Andreas adiudicabitur in amerciamento quod non perimpleuit cedulam dicti Johannis

1437.

Subscripta statuta et ordinationes facta fuerunt per commune consilium burgi de Abdne. tempore prepositure Johannis de Fif conssentiente ad hec maiore parte totius communitatis eiusdem

In primis quod tenor illius litere per totam communitatem facte a quadraginta quinque annis elapsis sigillate cum communi sigillo penes redditus dicti burgi seruand. et custodiend. ac exponend. per certos depositarios quolibet anno eligendos de cetero seruetur Ita quod nullus prepositus se intromittat aliquo modo aut disponet de aliquibus pecuniis recipiendis vel deliverandis ad communem bursam pertinen. una cum ceteris clasulis in dicta littera contentis

Item quod nullus aldirmannus seu balliuus aut aliquis officiarius burgi

1437. qui ad compotum tenetur remaneat in officio suo ultra unum annum et quod prepositus prius infra xl dies post exitum suum de officio reddat compotum suum de intromissione sua et soluet quicquid debuerit in pede compoti sui super compotum absque dilatione quacunque alias nuncquam ad dictum officium eligeretur nec quicunque balliuus aut alius officiarius qui ad compota reddenda tenetur de bonis communitatis de nouo eligeretur quousque satisfacerit dicto modo

Item quod nullus Aldirmannus expendat de communibus bonis ultra xx s. absque consensu maioris partis communis concilii

Item quod balliui burgi qui pro tempore fuerint et nulli alii leuent aut recipient firmas et redditus burgi communes et quolibet anno ante festum beati Michaelis Archangeli reddant compota sua coram preposito et communi concilio et soluant debita sua prout supra

Item quod omnes commissarii burgi mittendi ad parliamenta et concilia regis generalia eligantur per totum commune concilium burgi et eorum expense rationabiles per dictum concilium taxentur et ordinentur

Item quod nullus firmarius terrarum molendinorum piscariarum aut reddituum burgi detineat firmam per ipsum debitam usque suum terminum usualem quo solui debeat dicta firma sub pena amissionis terre piscarie aut alterius cuiuscunque redditus sibi assedati et quod licebit balliuis qui tunc fuerint cum deliberatione communis concilii huiusmodi terras piscarias seu alios redditus vicinis aliis assedare non obstante assedatione sibi facta seu ordinatione hucusquam in contrarium facta vel in futurum facienda

28*th December*, 1439.

Item xxviii die mensis Decembris anno Domini etc. xxxix^{mo} per prepositum et balliuos ac commune concilium Receptus fuit nobilis dominus et potens dominus Robertus de Erskyne comes de Marr ac dominus de Erskyne in liberum burgen. et confratrem gilde prestito solito juramento exceptis illis de scot et lot wak et ward pro v s.

24*th April*, 1440.

On Sonday the xxiiii day of Aprile, the yer of grace etc. xl, Williame of Cadiou fand lawborowes to compeir in the tolbuth of Aberdene on the morn on Mononnday as the said Sonday, withoutyn fraude or gyle, for the

hurtyng of Robert of Cullace; the quhilk Mononnday the courte affermyt the said Will. comperit, and ane noble and mychte lord the Erle of Avandale and the Constable, on the behalf of the said Robert, comperit and askit the lawcht as thai did on the day befor, And than Sir Alexr. of Irwyne knycht, forspekar to the said Williame, profferit that the said Williame suld acquite him be himself and otheris diuers persones, that he wist nocht that the said Robert was man to the said Erle, na to the said Constable, na that he come to this toun in thair company, And attour for the defaute that the said Will. had made to the saidis lordis Erle and Constable, he put hym in thair grace, upon the quhilkis the said lord Erle and Constable, sen the thing was greue, tuk to be avisit upon his profferis, and with consent of partis it was differrit be the saidis lordis Erle and Counstable, upon four dayes warnying, the said Wylliame to compeir than befor the aldermann and ballzeis in like maner as he comperit this Mononnday, hawand the force and effecte that day as this day but fraude or gile. And at this suld be fulfillit be the said Williame and the partis skathlace in the mentyme, Sir Alexr. of Irwyne is cummyn a borch to the aldirman and ballzeis And at the saidis Williame and Joh. of Cadiou his cosyne sal be skathles of the saidis lord Erle and of the said Constable and of the said Robert, and of thar pairtie, but fraude or gile, the said Lord Erle and Constable arr becummyn borowes to the saidis aldirmann and ballzeis. 24th April, 1440.

JAMYS OF DOUGLAS OF AVANDALE.

13*th May*, 1440.

Item eodem die per commune concilium concessum fuit Ricardo Kintor tunc abbati de Boneacord unus burgensis futurus faciend. ad libitum suum quandocunque ipsum presentauerit pro expensis suis factis et faciend. in quodam ludo de ly Haliblude ludendo apud ly Wyndmylhill

13*th September*, 1440.

Memorand. quod xiiii die mensis Septembris Dauid Farcharsoun receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde prestito solito juramento Et dabat pro libertate sua ad edificationem porte in fine orientali vici Castri v marcas et residuum remittitur sibi ob fauorem domini Johannis Smalee et sororis eiusdem quam disponsauit.

18th Sept. 1440.

18*th September*, 1440.

Memorand. quod xviii die mensis predicti Johannes Ettale fuit receptus in liberum burgen. huius burgi pro xx s. et ad requestum domini Willelmi de Craufurd et Magistri Thome Edname canonicorum Abirdonen. ecclesie receptus fuit etiam in confratrem gilde dabit que pro gilda ad fabricam ecclesie beati Nicholai huius burgi quum super hoc fuerit requisitus dimid. Rude de astlaris etc. et prestetit solitum juramentum etc.

17*th October*, 1440.

Eodem die Gilbertus Meignes ex parte Simonis Horn et socii sui mercatores Londonien. petiit a preposito et balliuis et communitate licentiam et liberum ac saluum conductum quod prefati mercatores possint salue et secure laborare circa recuperationem bonorum suorum in portu euisdem burgi periclitan. et ea vendere melius quopoterit et prius ea salue recedere cum fuerint parati in partes suas sine quouis obstaculo vel impedimento Qui prepositi balliui et consules burgi ausiati dederunt et concesserunt omnimodam licentiam in premissis et promiserunt eos defendere et manutenere usque ad liberum recessum eorum de partibus istis.

19*th February*, 1441.

Item eodem die ad instantiam litteralem domini Walteri Senli. militis de Strathoune balliui posuerunt in dilatione actionem motam inter Gilbertum de Tulach et Ricardum de Ruthirfurd in eodem statu in quo nunc est usque ad curiam capitalem proximo post festum Pasche proximo futurum.

23*d August*, 1441.

Item, be the avise of the haill counsaile for the commoune gude of the hale commounytee of this burgh, it is statute, concludit, and ordanit, that na fleschewaris, na nane vther man, nychtbour nor vnfreman, by ony maner of fische quhill thai cum to the merkate; and at na man by to tap agane at a derth to the commownys ony maner of fische quhill the hight of the dai be passit, vnder the payne of viii s. unforgiffin, and eschete of the fische but favour.

Item, that na fleschewar mak [ ] nor by to sel agayne ony turbote, as said is, bot thai sal haue for the brekyng of a turbote quhilk is bocht

within xii d., j d., and quhen it exceedis xii d., ii d., quhill it cum to ii s., and swa furth for ilke schilling i d., and he sal haue nane vther eschetis, bot al sal be brokin to the biaris, vnder the payne forsaid. 23d August, 1441.

Item, that na man tak on hand to by vitale mar na will suffice thar housis to tap agayne at derth apon the commounys, and give ony nychtbour has vitale to sell, that thai tap it nocht in houss bot in the merkatt playneli apon the merkat dai, vnder the payne of viii s. unforgiffin, and eschete of sic gude but fawour.

18*th March*, 1442.

It is sene spedfull be the aldirman, the bailzeis, the counsale, and the merchandis of Abden., that the Inglis schipe that is arestit be Willame Scherar, Dauy of Rutherfurd, Johnne Vocate, and Johnne of Kintor, with the lave of thair falow schipe, be brocht in in the hawin, and be kepit be the merchandis and schipemen of the said schipe under sourtie, quhill we haue worde of our souerane king and his counsaile quhat his will is to be donn in this mater.

27*th April*, 1442.

The samyn day, for the gouernance of merchandice, it was statut and ordanit be the brethir of gilde, that na man by woll derar than vi s. viii d. the stane; and give ony man beis taynt byand woll derrar, in contrar of this statute, he sal pay to the commone profite of this toun, but remissioune, for ilk tyme that he beis taynt xl s.

Item, that na man by woll skynnis derar than x d., schorlinges vi d., scaldynes iii d., the dusane of lentrinwar viii d., the dusane of futfellis ii s.; and quhasa dois in the contrar sall, euery tym that he trespasses, pay, but remissioune, vi s. viii d. to the commone werk and profite of this toune.

Item, the samyn day, Matheu Fichet, aldirman, become dettour til Johne of Fife of four pounds fourtene schillingis, for reddyng of the balzeis of the yer bypast, with ordinance and consent of the counsale.

23*d June*, 1442.

It is to mene apon, that the fift day of the moneth of Julii, the yer forsaid, Dauid Hardgat, Dauid Dun, Robert Masoun, and Gilbert Masoun, oblist thame ane as all, and all as ane, til a honourable knight, Sir Williame of Lesly of Balchane, that thai sall fulfill and perfornyce his said werk efter the

23d June, 1442. tenour of the endentour made tharapon, betuex the said Sir Williame and Dauid Hardgat forsaid.

10*th December*, 1442.

Nicholaus Thomsoun primus testis juratus etc. dicit in suo juramento that John of Troup and he and othir diuerss sat at the collatioun in Marioune Lialis house and the sammyn John of Troup rase up and yeid furth diuerss tymes allane that sammyn tyme quhen Alexr. the Grahamys beddyng was stolein And quhen Grahame myssit his gudes he stekit the zet, and wad noght haue lattin hym in.

Patrick Johnsoun concords in al thing with the first, and eikis that he herd a man say that lay in the house quhar the said John of Troup, that fra mydnycht furth he was oute in the toun quhill day.

John of Skene, the third witnes, concordis in all thing with the secunde witnes.

Marioune Liale, the feird witnes, concordis with the lave, &c.

14*th October*, 1443.

Item, Alexr. Lammyntoun in amerciamento curie pro eo quod vendidit carnes aliter quam fuerint appretiate etc.

11*th January*, 1444.

Item, eodem die assisa ordinauit et inuenit et decreuit quod Umfredus Craufurd inuiste lucratus fuit et tenet a Laurentio Hoie Ricardo Ruthirfurd ls. et satisffaciet eidem infra terminum juris et est in amerciamento curie

Item, eadem assisa dixit quod Willelmus Quhite sutor fouet in domo sua et receptat lusores malorum ludorum in dampnum venientium ad istum burgum quare precipitur sibi quod decetero de talibus non communicatur aut inde iusta queririmonia non audiatur sub pena exulationis ab isto burgo

27*th July*, 1444.

It is to remembir, that John of Lowdoun strekit a borch that the prwff that Johne Mathisone mad on hym til ansuer til a breff of richt til Johne Crukshank, apon a pess of land, as is contenit in the breff of richt, viz. Theman and Thom, of [ ], as onlachfwll prewis; and Gilbert Menzes, forspekar to John Crukshank, recontirit that borch with hys awayis that thai war lachfull; and becawss of febilness of the cwrt the

ballzeis putt the cawss in delay, withowtyn preiudice of perty, till the law dayis eftir Michelmess. 27th July, 1444.

Richard of Rutherford oftsyss callit til folow Johne Patovnson til fynd borch and hawmald of a horss, comperit, and therfor the said Johne strikit a borch [ ] he ever festenit with new soyt.

Alsua the baillies has put ane delay till the law day efter Michelmess the accioun betwene the balleis of Monross and William Banerman, in sic ply as it now is, vittout prejudice of ony perty.

17*th November*, 1444.

It is to remembir, that on the xvii day of Novembir ther wes presentit be Mastir Thomas of Eddynhame to the alderman and to the balleis letteris of inhibitioun fra the quene and the bisschop of Sanct Androwis, and ther ennardance, that na paymantiis suld be made of na revenowis pertenand to the king to tha persownis that nw has the kyng in gouernance.

20*th November*, 1444.

It is to remembir, that of Friday, the xx day of Nouember, Johne The Wauss, than aldermane, gert inquer at the gud men of the towne, than beand in the tolbuith, gif the letter suld be cryit of inhibitioun of the kingis rewenous, send be the quene and the bisschop of Sanct Androis, and thar the gud mene of gef in comandment to the said alderman that that letteris suld nocht cryt no obeyit qwil it war sene qwat ordenance war made thairapon be the thre estattis.

23*d November*, 1444.

It is to remembir, that the Bisschop of Ross present a lettir to the ballzeis of the burghe in this fowrm, the xxiii day of November: JAMES, be the grace of God kyng of Scottis, to the alderman and balleis of our burgh of Aberden gretyng: It is our will and we chargis and wyllis ye diffend and supple a reuerend fadder in Crist, the bisschap of Rosse, in the tak of the half net of the Rake as law willis, giff it sua be that he makkis sufficiand document that he has richt tharto, and this on na way leffis on doun. Gifwyn onder our signet at Strifflyne, the xi day of Nouember, and of our regn the sevynt yer.

21*st February*, 1446.

XXi^to^ die mensis Februarii anno Domini supradicto ex deliberatione com-

21st February, 1446. munis consilii et partis gilde concesse sunt quatuor libre usualis monete ad supportationem et releuationem magistri Andree Croudane nati confratris gilde huius burgi pro labore suo circa predicationem et doctrinam populi huius burgi et hoc durante voluntate consilii supradicti.

15*th February*, 1448.

Iter Camerarii

Inchoat. per Alexandrum Narn et Johannem Lummysden deputatos Camerarii Scocie xv die Februarii anno Domini j^{m} iiii^{c} xlviii^{o} quo die sectt.:

[Assisa septemdecim virorum burgi electa fuit]

Robertus Stephin tenetur satisfacere Willelmo Lmyntoun unum sarpellarium in quo ponebantur pelles infra terminum juris plegio Gilberto Vaus.

Willelmus Voket deliberavit Roberto Blyndseil unam bipenne argentat. in [ ] manibus venientem de Flandria sub periculo ejusdem Roberti vel valorem ejusdem bipenne pleg.

Robertus Stephin satisfaciet ad fabricam ecelesie beati Nicholai iiii s. gret infra terminum juris.

Willelmus Banerman tenetur satisfacere Jonete Girkin v s. infra terminum juris et si maritus ejusdem Jonete non reveniat citra festum Pentecostes proximo futurum dictus Willelmus satisfaciet eedem Jonete residuum v florenorum de Reno pleg.

Th. Cadiou satisfaciet Johanni Rede carnifici ii s. et ipse deliberabit sibi cultellum suum argentatum pleg.

Robertus Prat faciet computum infra terminum juris cum Angusio Johnstoun de iiii lib petit. per eundem aliter erit debitor tocius summe plegiis Georgio Adamsoun et Thoma Camera. Gilbertus Massoun satisfaciet domino Johanni Pettynwyne xii s. pleg.

Andreas Dauidsoun fatetur se debere Thome Cadiou de iii s. vi d.

Maister Johnn of Cadyou grantis that he borrowit a hors fra Robin Scherar, the quhilk hors the said Maister lent to Rechart of Kintor.

Memorandum, that the balyheis of eer farnyher and farnyher sal, apon Friday next to cum, that is to say the xxvii of Februar next to cum, be viii houris befor none, sal comper in the tolbuth of this burghe, and deliuer in thir accomptis of thir twa yheris bigane, and underly the determinacioun

of thir auditouris vndervrittin, that is to say, Duncane of Clat, dene of gild, Johnne of Marr, Matheu Fichet, Alexander of Kintor, and Patrick Badenach; and gif ther beis in thar accomptis ony gret weris or doutis thai sal referr that to be endit be the haile counsaile. 15th February. 1448.

Item, it is ordanit that ix or x of the best of the toune sal pass with a parte of the gangand assis and see the venales and otheris fautis and perprisis of the toune, and quhar thai fynd perpriss merke it and put in writ, and charge thame to reforme it within xi dais, and forberne vnder payne of perprisioune of the king, and thir personis to be chosin be the alderman and balyheis.

Item, the houssis that ar fundin unsufficient be the assis sal be refurmyt be tham at aw tham within viii daiis, or ellis the balyheis sal pass and tak doune the durris and wyndowis of thaim, and mak thaim uninhabitable.

Item, it is avisit and concludit be counsaile, anent the payment of the rest of the ald fynance, the quhilk extendis be appoyntment to ii^{c} lib., that al sumes written in the roll, bath recouerable and unrecouerable, be sowmyt be punde grete, and ilke punde grete be put til a certane some of Scottis payment eftir, as it may extend to pay the said ii^{c} lib., and than ilk man that is awand recouerable sal pay eftir that tax, and than it that remanys unrecouerable of the said ii^{c} lib. salbe paiit be the haill toun eftir the aviss and sicht of the counsaile.

Malcolmus Forbes, Dauid Dun, and Dauid Heruy, accusit of the disobeying of Andrew Alanson, the balyhe, that wald noght find borowes of pess quhen he chargeit thaim, deniit the disobeying, and swa it was put to ane assis: that is to say, Andrew Tulidef, Duncane of Clat, Matheu Fichet, Robert of Chamer, Henry Levyngtoun, Wat Giffart, Alexr. Blindseil, Johne Scherar, Mathou Glastre, Dauid Symsoun, Andrew Ayncroft, and William Rolland; the quhilk avisit, resplaitit this quhil thai be forthir avisit with men of law, and becaus the said partie allegit that thai suld noght find borrowes, bot give thair pairtie wald sever that thai doutit thaim thai fynd that bil broght up, and thai will that it be nocht allegeit in tym to cum be ony man, vnder payne that may folow.

David Rutherfurd in amerciamento curie pro injusta spoliacione navis Dauid Dun de vno cable et restituet idem cable.

15th February, 1448. David Rutherfurd dedit Robertum de Camera plegium legale pro eo et parte sua quod Malcolmus de Forbes Dauid Dun and Dauid Heruy et partes sue erunt indempnes aliter quam per viam juris.

Et dictus Malcolmus dedit Willelmum Scherar [plegium] legalem quod David Rutherfurd erit indempnis ut supra et partes sua tota.

[Fin. extract. de actis Itineris Camerarii.]

7th November, 1449.

In the firste, that na merchand man of this burgh opin his both dorr to do ony merchandise, outhir sell or by, apon the Sondai, under the payne of a punde of wax, or the valu of it, to be rasit be the dene of the gild, of ilk faute unforgiffin, and to be appliit to the kirkwerk.

Item, that the dene of the gild see bayth be scirscheying and inquisitioun, and punyce rigorously, and but favour, all thaim that in henderyng of merchandiss schapis, and barkis, or barkis nocht beand gilde, othir waiss than the law levis.

Item, that he punyss the skynnaris that biis skynnis to pluk or to mak merchandiss of othir waiis than the law levis and the statut of the gilde.

Item, that na man by talch mar than may suffice his houss, or mak merchandiss of it, under the payne of eschete of it to the commoune profite, and viii s. unforgiffin, in tyme to cum; and it at is boght in tyme bygane, that the aldirman and the dene of the gild passis to thair houssis that has bocht it, and gerr it be deliuerit to the commounis be the sammyn price that it was boght.

Item, that the dene of gilde punyss forstallaris of this burgh, als weile free men as othirs within the burgh or withoute, eftir the ald actes and statutis mad thairapon, but favour, and at he inquir and accuse sic forstalling ilke xv daiis in the gilde courte; and that nothir the aldirman na he componis na fyne with ony forstallaris withoute avyss and wytting of sex persounes, at the leest, of counsaile, and the clerk.

Item, give the dene of gild beis negligent in the executioun and punys-

yng of thir forsaid statutis, and he be convicte be the aldirman and counsaile thairapon, he sal pay the samyn unlaw and payne that the fautouris suld haue paiit, to be raisit of him be the aldirman unforgiffin. 7th November 1449.

Item, that the balyheis keip the actis made before the Chawmerlayne, the yher of grace, &c., xxxiiii last bigane, anente the assise of brede and ele and flesche, and othiris, under the paynis contenyt in the samyn actis, and at the aldirman accuse thaim tharapon, and punyss thaim as afferis.

30*th December*, 1453.

The last day of the moneth of December, the yher of God j^{m} iiii^{c} fiftie and thre, Dauid Dun fand Andrew Meignes, and Dauid Heruy fand Richard of Kintor, borrowes to compeir be them selff or thair sufficient procuratouris at the nixt law daiis efter Pasche next to cum, in tolbuth of this burghe, befor the Lievtenant or his deputis, and the alderman and counsaile of this burghe, to the instance of George Adamsone and Johne Patersoun, for certane gudis takin fra thame in Scarburgh in Ingland, to ansueir and underlie the law.

The first day of Maii comperand Dauid Dun and Dauid Hervy on that a partie, and John Patounson and George Adamsoun on that othir partie, becauss it was a festuale dai thai consentit that the mater and causs dependand amangis thaim, as is befor writtin, be continewit in sic like pli as it was on that dai, to Monoundaii the xiii dai of this instant moneth of Maii next to cum, but preiudice of ony pairtie, and thair borowes standand as thai did befor. At the quhilk day, the forsaid Andrew Meignes and Richard Kintor borowes befor the alderman and consaile, and befor Ranald Chene, pretenand him depute to the Lievtenand, enterit the said David Dun and David Heruy personali, and dischargit tham of the said borowgang. Neuertheless, the said principales, David Dun and David Hervy, wald noght admit the said Ranald as depute to the Lievtenand, becauss he schew na letteris of the lordis thareapon, na he wald noght find caucion and sourete that the lord Lievtenand suld hald ferme and stable quhat the said Ranald did or was done before in this mater, &c.

10*th March*, 1454.

The samyn dai, the acion movit betuix Williame the Haia on that a

10th March, 1454.

part, and Theman, goldsmyth, on that othyr pairt, of xxi vnche of siluer, and a drame of gold and ane cors of gold, was put to the determinacioun of thir personys vnder wryttyne, with consent of baith the parties, as chosin arbitrouris, or amicable componitouris: that is to say, Andrew Ayncroft, Patrik Badenach, Williame Rolland, Johne Blendseil, and Johne of Mar, the quhilkis determynit and ordanit at the said Theman suld deliuer till hym xxi vnche of gud siluer, within terme of law, and thai resplatit the said soume of gold to the nowmer of vi nobillis, till thai spek with Androw Child and Thome of Croudane; and, as anence the litil corss at his wyf deliuerit to Theman, the said Theman sal deliuer the samyn corss till his wyfe agayn, scho payand till him the handlane of it, gif it be unpayit: borch Alexr. of Chawmer, befor thyr witness, Thom of Fif, John of Waus, and Patrik Chapman.

16*th January*, 1455.

Xvi^to^ die mensis Januarii anno Domini etc. lv^to^ omnes confratres gilde huius burgi auisate concesserunt et deliverauerunt quod fiat una propina monete domine nostre suppreme Regine nunc in primo aduentu ipsius ad istam villam Et quod fiat et extendat ad summam centum marcarum pro qua vero summa sumenda consenserunt omnes prefati confratres gilde quod fiat assedatio aquarum terrarum et prouentium huius burgi ad certum terminum ad visum proborum virorum ad hoc specialiter eligendorum Et eligerunt personas infrascriptos viri Johannem de Scrogis filius Johannem de Fife Johannem de Marr Duncanum de Clat Matheum Fichet Willelmum Rolland Johannem Howisoun Johannem Stephinsoun et Johnnem Andresoun Que supradicte persone habebunt sufficientem commissionem sub sigillo communi ad assedand. piscarias terras et redditus burgi ut premittitur.

2*d May*, 1546.

Secundo die mensis Septembris anno Domini etc. lvi^to^ the maisteres of the schippes and quarter maisteres, and the commoune counsaile and a grete part of the gild, consentit that thar be viii persounes chosin to deliuer ane auise the best waiis anente the demanyng, handeling, or deliuerance of the schipmen and gudes of Camfeer, takin be the nyghboris of this toune, and to provide that the toune be scathlas of the taking of the said schip, and thir ar the persounes underwrittin: Johne of Fife, Andro

Meignes, Johne Marr, Johne of Scrogs pater, Andro Culane, Ric. Kintor, Matheu Fichet, and Robt. Wormot. 2d May, 1456.

1st October, 1456.

The quhilk hour forsaide, Alexander Blenseile comperyt in the tolbuith and askit the said Will. of Ryne, Betty Stevinsoun, and Thomas Harpar, to produce lauchful witness at he had geffin tham licens and leve to pas quhar thai walde, as the act thar upon beris witnes; the quhilk personis failzeit in thar previs produsyng, bot thai askit at the said Alexander Blendseil wald sueir at he gaif thame na leve, and thai suld sve hym til thar terme dai. The quhilk Alexr. denyit, and said he wald nocht sueir in his awyn causs; and than Dauid Meignes, forspekar to Will. of Ryne, askit hym to borch to do til Alexr. Blendseil at law wald; the quhilkis was giffin hym be Malcolme of Forbes, juge in the said causs.

23d April, 1460.

The xxiii dai of the moneth of April, the yher of God i^{m} cccc lx, it was ordanit and statut, that na induellande of this burgh, na without burgh, tak in wed ony gudis that Wat Cutlaris wife bryngis for ony penyworthis oythir than dry siluer, becauss at scho is knawin a strawer of her husbands gudis; and quhasa euer dois, thai sal restoir the gudis to the said Wat withoutyn impediment, and nocht to be assichit for thare pennyworthis.

6th February, 1463.

The samyn assis has ordanyt Alexander Rollande to stent and pay to Thome Reburne v s. vi d., the quhilk he tuke fra him in wisling of a farthing of an Inglis nobill that is fundin be thai nocht lachfull na sufficiande, nother to wirk na for na richtwiss payment within lauchful tyme, and to resaive the ferthing fra him agayn, for the quhilk he is jugit in amercyament of this curt for the wrangwis halden of the seme fra the saide Thome of Reburne.

16th January, 1469.

The xvi day of Januar, the yer of God lxix yer, Philip of Drumbreck, ane of the serjiandis of this burgh, has put in the merkat to sell, a gray horss of Johne Fichattis Mathowsoun, quhilk is tane in astrasiment of payment of a Hamburgh barel of salmond acht till Will of Mernys, baxtar, and

16th January, 1469. thar is bodin for him xii s. as for the fyrst day, befor thir witnes, Johne of Knollis, bailye, Cristy, litstar, and Duncane of Birss.

19*th January*, 1469.

The xix day of the forsaide moneth, Johne of Tulydeff, ane of the serjiandis of the said burgh, put the fornemit horss in the merkat to sell, and thar was biddin for him xx s., befor thir witnes, Richarde of Hill, Thome Malitesoun, and Alexr. of Scrogis.

24*th January*, 1469.

The xxiiii day of the said moneth of Januar, the yer of God, &c., the saide Philp of Drumbrek, serjiande, put the forsaide horss in the merkat to sell, and thar was biddin for him that day xiii s. iiii d.; witnes, Duncane of Birss, and Androw Watkin, befor Johne of Knollis, the bailze.

28*th January*, 1469.

The xxviii day of the saide moneth, the forsaide Philp of Dumbrek, serjiande, put the said horss in the markate to sell, and thar was biddine for hyme that day, as the ferde day ante specifeit, with Edmunde Banerman, Dnncane of Birss, Androw Atkin, and be thair aithis suorne, xxvi s. befor thar witnes, Androw Scherar, and Johne of Knollis, bailzeis, Willem Malitesoun, Androw Haldane, and Duncane of Lammyntoun; and of this soume giffin the officiar xii d. for his labour, and for the horss costs iii oukis, iii s., and sua restis unpayit of the xl s. for the barell of salmonde aucht to William of Mernys, xviii s.

13*th January*, 1474.

Curia balliuorum tenta in pretorio xiii die Januarii anno predicto, the quhilk day, William of Setoune was accusit for the wrangwise strublance of William Cadiou, cumand apon him in forthocht felony, and in breking of law borrowis tayn betuix thame of befor; the quhilk chalance the said William of Setoune denyit, sayand that he was nocht under law borrowis anent the said William of Cadiou. Apone the quhilk accusatione and denyance he referrit him til ane assise of the best and worthiast present for the tyme; the quhilk assise beand sworne, the saidis parteis schauand thair avarments

to the assise, in presence of the aldirman, bailzes, and the hail court, the said William of Setoune said that he was nocht under law borrowis; to the quhilk Alexr. Menzes answerit, sayand that the said William of Setoune had fundin law borrowis, anent the said William of Cadiou, baith to the aldirman and baillies of this toune, and before the king and the lordis of counsal; and thairapon the said William avisit, come before the court and keist downe his hat, profferand him to fecht in the said querel; apon the quhilk the said Alexr. Menzes askit ane testimonial of the court how that he manasit and prouokit him, sayand that it nedit nocht, na that he wald nocht fecht in the said querel, sen that it mycht be determyt be the law and the assise; the quhilk assise, riply avisit, fand and deliuerit that the said William of Setoune had strublit William of Cadiou apon forthocht felony, under law borowis; for the quhilk strublance he was adiugit in amerciament of the court, and the said William of Cadiou quite of all strublance of the said William of Setoune. 13th January, 1474.

17*th February*, 1474.

The xvii of Februar, the yer, &c., lxxiiii, it is ordanit and decretit be the aldirman and the consel underwrittin, that the commoune seil and the secret seil salbe deliuerit frely to the aldirman that beis chosin for the tyme and to the counsall yerly fra thine furth, apon the Friday next eftir that the aldirman be chosin, and to be deliuerit agane at thare wil in keping to quhom that plesis thaim best; and that na letter salbe selit fra thine furth witht the common seil, bot at the sycht of the aldirman and the hail consel, and thir ar the namys of the forsaid counsel, Alexr. of Chaumer, &c.

2*d May*, 1475.

The second day of Maii, the yer of our lord m. iiii^{c} lxxv yeris, it was ordanit, endit, and concludit be the aldirman and certane persons of counsel, of the quhilkis the names eftir followis, that the offerand, and all uthirs offerandis to cum, that fallis apon the Rude dayis, sal be diuidit proportionaly and evinlie betuix the chaplane of the Rude altar and the chaplane of the Browne croice altar, quhat evir thai be for the tyme, and that nothir of the chaplanis of the Rude altar or of the Browne croice altar sal haue singlare proffite til ony of thaim, bot that all gudis that ar offerit in the tyme sal be diuidit evinlie and rychtwisly ymangis thaim. Thir ar the names of the counsel that war present in the tym, Alexr. of Chaumer, aldir-

2d May, 1475.

man, &c. Apon the quhilk deliuerance and decrete Sir Androw, the son of quhilum Thomas Anderson, chaplan of the Rude altar, tuke, in the tyme of the deliuerance, fra Sir Robert Leis, public notar, ane instrument, in the vestry of the parish kirk of Aberden, befor the personis forsaid, or the maist pairt of thaim: And that this decrete and deliuerance sould nocht be reuokit nor gain callit for the tyme of the saidis chaplanis, uther of Sir Alexr. Club, chaplane of the Browne croice altar, and of Sir Andro, chaplan of the Rude altar, no nor eftir thare tyme, bot perpetualy til indure.

26*th April*, 1477.

The xxvi dai of Aprile, yer of God m cccc lxxvii yeris, comperit Androw Fresal, the fader of umquhile Alexander Fresale, burges of Aberden, in the towbuthe of that Ilk, and grantit him til haue ressauit fra Andro Scherar, alderman of Aberdene, and Sir Alexander Voket, executouris til vmquhile the said Alexander Fresale, thir gudis vndirwrittin: In the first, a dusan of Eistland buyrdis; item, fyve bollis of salt and thre firlotis, ane tome Hamburgh barel, and a fat made of a Malvasy bote; item, tuelf mvd keling, and threttene mvd codlingis, fourtene Inglis coppis, and a [ ] fat, thre peckis of lynget, and thre pekkis of hemp sede, foure stupis, ane vly barel, a poke, threttene knappold; and to the laird of Pitslego, on Andrew Fresales behalf, the petis that war prisit fouretene schillingis; and to Andro Fresalis wif, ane Inglis cop, ane pair of schetis, ane nop bed, a bowster, twa gownys, thre hand axis, a brogit staf, a litil ankyr, a gyrdil, a bakbrede, a brewyne fat, a hemmyr stand, a bukket, and a gybbate that it hang by, foure tynnyn spunys, his best bate; item, a hat, a bonet, a doublate, a par of hoiss, twa par of schetis, a jak, ten s. of siluer, and sextene s. and aucht d., gevin to the Abbot of Arbroath, for the annuel of the houss that the said Andro occupyit and inhabite, &c.

25*th August*, 1478.

Curia burgi de Abirden tenta in pretorio coram balliuis eiusdem xxv die Augusti anno etc. lxxviii° Quo die comparen. in judicio nobili viro Alexandro Setoune de Meldrum ex una et Roberto Dogude de Achnahufe ex altera partibus que quidem partes ostenderunt unum publicum instrumentum signo et subscriptione Willelmi Keir presbitri Brechinen. dioceseos notarii publici una cum sigillo prouidi viri Johannis Scrymgeour

dicti Jak roboratum et sigillatum de et super terris de Balkairne cum pertinen. ac aliis terris in eodem instrumento expressatis de quibus Elizabeth de Balkairne mater dicti Roberti Dogude ipsum infeodauit tam in feodo quam in libero tenemento earundem quam infeodationem Alexr. Hay sponsus dicte Elizabeth approbauit ratificauit et confirmauit in plena curia coram balliuis burgi de Dunde mediante magno juramento quod nunquam deueniret contra huiusmodi infeodationem et resignationem dicto Roberto factas ut in huiusmodi instrumento plenius continetur Quod quidem instrumentum dictus Alexander Seton petiit a dictis balliuis transumi ac transumptum sibi desuper distinctum super quibus dicti balliui mature auisati eorum decreto interposito transumptum eidem decreuerunt sub forma publica eorum sigillis sigillatum Testibus Alexandro Gordon de Megmar Patricio Gordon de Meithlick Roberto Blindsel uno balliuorum Willelmo Blindsel seniore Magistro Johanne Hay Rectore de Crowdane et domino Roberto Leis notario publico cum multis aliis. 25th August, 1478.

The same day, personaly comperit in plane court, before Wilzam the Hay, and Androw Branche, tua of the bailzeis of Abirden, Wilzame Fichet, burges of the said burgh, and resignit purely and simply, and gaf owir, be the gefine of a wand in the handis of Androw Branch, ane of the balzeis forsaid, the frank tenement of al and sindrie the landis, croftis, and annuale rentis that pertenyt til him, of the quhilkis he infeft and possessit Jonet Fichet, his doghter, lang tyme of before, togidder witht all rycht and clame of rycht that he had, has, or may haf therof in tyme to cum, in fauor of the said Jonet Fichet his doghtre, and of his gude sone in law Thomas Symsone hir spouss, thai beand present, the quhilk beand done, the said Androw Branche, balze, the frank tenement of al and sindre the saidis landis, croftis, and annuel rentis, and all rycht and clame of rycht of the said William Fichet, as forsaid is, purely and simply gaf to the said Jonet Fichet and Thomas Symson hir spouss, be the deliuering of the said wand, til thaim and ilk ane of thaim in takyne tharof, nochtwithstanding the said Jonet Fichets richt gevin til hir of before; the quhilk the said Wilzam hir fader ratifiit and approvit, and for the mare habundans and securite ratifiis and approvis be this present write; wpon the quhilkis Thomas Symson, for him and his said spouse, askit ane testimoniale to be made, vnder the seelis of the saidis balzeis, before thir witness, Gilbert of Chaumer, Alex. Trail,

25th August, 1478. James of Kyntor, Mawnus Wormot, John Fichet yungar, Allan Smytht, and Philp of Drumbrek serjiand, witht utheris diuerss.

2*d September*, 1478.

The second day of Septembre, the consale and merchandis of this burgh beand gaderit witht the alderman in the tolbuth, has consentit til the sendyng of ane ambaxiat fra our souerane lord to the Duke of Burgunzie, for the gude of merchandiss. And at the command of our souerane lordis lettres, thai haf ordanit that v personis of worthy burgesses of the toun, sal pass witht the aldirman, to be in Edinburgh the vii day of this instant moneth, to avise witht our souerane lordis consall, and the commissaris of utheris viii burrowis, wpon the sending of the said ambaxiate, and that certane taxis salbe made and rasyt, to pay the expenssis of the aldirman and of the personis that sal pass witht him, and to pay rychtswa to the contributioun of our souerane lordis ambassate, as siclike burrowis of the realm sal do for the causs forsaid.

21*st May*, 1479.

The samyn dai, the consale and brethryn of gilde beand present for the tym, has consentit and ordanit the alderman to mak the expensis and costis of the comon gude apon the arayment, and uthris necessaris, of the play to be plait in the fest of Corpos Xristi nixttocum.

22*d June*, 1480.

Curia tenta in pretorio burgi de Aberdene per balliuos eiusdem xxii die mensis et anni predictorum quo die Dauid Hil burgen. dicti burgi accusatus de inobedientia et iniusta perturbatione Philippi de Drumbrek unius serjiendorum faciendi officium suum et de iniusta fractione unius crathere argentee venerabili viro magistro Johanni Hay rectori de Crowdan pertinentis negauit dictam calumpniam Unde leuata fuit assisa proborum burgen. infrascriptorum viz.: Alexandri Rede Alexandri Howisoun Dauid Symsoun Gilberti Waus Johannis Wormot Willelmi Hay Alexandri Nachti Andree Murray senioris Edmundi Hay Johannis Litstar Willelmi Andree Dauid Galychtlie et Jacobi Kennerty Qui jurati et diligenter ac mature auisati dixerunt quod Dauid Hil reus erat et conuictus de actionibus prenotatis Et pro perturbio serjiendi et fractione crathere adiu-

dicatur in duobus amerciamentis curie et emendare dampnum ut jura volunt Et in parte emendere assisa ordinauit quod dictus Dauid dabit unam petram cere ad missam sancti sanguinis. 22d June, 1480.

19*th July*, 1480.

The xix dai of Julii, the yer, &c., lxxx, in the court haldin in the tolbuthe of Abirden be Thomas Prat, ane of the balzeis of the samyn, Johne Besat, duelland in Montross, chalansit Androw Atkin as he that hyrit a meyr of his, and Androw Murra yungar, for the spilling and hurting of hir in the ryding of hir, throw the quhilkis he wants his mere, and that the saids persons acht til wpricht and assich him for hir. The quhilk wes present to the decisioun and knawlage of a sworn assise, the quhilk assise, riply avisit, fand and deliuerit, be Richard Hill, forspekar of the assise, that the saidis Androw Atkyn and Androw Murray had done that thai acht to do anent the hyring and ryding of the said mere, declarand thaim quyte of the said Johannis chalance tweching the said meyr.

1481.

The quhilk dai, as anent the actioun and causs movit betuix my lady of Huntle and Androw Wentoune, twiching the clame and debate of v pipe of wad clamit be the said lady, the said Androw, beand riply avisit, has referrit this actione aluterly to my lord of Huntle and my lady, and to thare gude gracis, and to quhat persons plesis thaim to tak to thaim and to thair willis.

7*th November*, 1481.

The aldirman, counsel, and communite of the burgh of Abirdene, the communitie gadrit throw the warning of the belman, ryply and weill avisit, with ane assent, nane sayand the contra, has deliverit and ordinyt, becaus that Robert Elect afirmat of Abirdon, has schavine hym vnkindly in the restriction of the second tend of Abirdene, quhilk is gevine be his predecessor, Bishop Thomas Spens, quhom God assolye, to the biging of the quer of Abirdene; the forsaid alderman, counsel, and communite, has decretit, deliverit, and ordinyt, that nane neighbour duelland within the said burgh sal mak na firmas to the said Robert Elect, na yet to nane of his factoris on his behalf; and quhatever he be that dois in contrar of this act, [he] sal tyne his fredom, and his tak sal waik, and incontinent be disponit

7th November, 1481. at the will and sycht of the alderman, counsel, and communitie of the said burgh, but ony faworis.

31*st January*, 1483.

The samyn dai, in a fenssit court haldin be the ballies, Wil Lauchlane, callit to comper before the ballies, as he was oblist be his hand and gude faith til ansuer and underly the law, at the instance of the partie complenzand for the wrangwiss strublance and hurting of Johne Blacks wif, and for strublans of the toune, and for the public offens done be him to the said Johne and his houshald and famile, comperit nocht; quharappon the ballies and counsel avisit, the trespass considderit, and the committar tharof beand fugitive fra the law, thai haf decretit, witht consent of the communite, and ordanit to be made manifest be oppin proclamation, that fra thine furth na man nor woman, within the said burgh duelland, tak upon hand to house, herbry, or reset the said Wil Lachlan, in privay or in apert, under the pane of bannising fra this burgh; and gif of fors he wald enter or herbry in ony hous within the said burgh, thai nocht beand of power to resist him, that the maister of that house incontinent cum or send thare servand at the leist, til the officeris of the toune, and warn thaim thairof, that thai may provide for remede as efferis, under the pain and charge forsaid.

5*th February*, 1483.

The v dai of Februar, yer of God &c. lxxxiii, comperit in the court, before the ballies, Robert Heryn, on the behalf of a nobil and mychty lady, the Countas of Huntly, and askit payment fra Dauid Hil, burges of Abirden, of xix lib. and x s. of Scottis money, in faute of payment of thre lib. g. and v s. g. of the monee of Flanderis, acht til Malcum Mowat, as is contenit in ane act of appointment producit thairuppon, be ressoun of assignatioun of the said soume made to the said lady, and than the certification schawin and red of the defaute of payment of the said soume of Flanderis money, Philp of Drumbrek, serjiand, at the command of the ballies, layd wand on Dauid Hil, and chargit him to remayn in the tolbuthe quhil he content and pait the soume forsaid to the Countas of Huntly as assigna tharof, or hir factouris.

17*th February*, 1483.

The xvii dai of Februar, yer of God lxxxiii, in the tolbuthe, before the

ballies and counsel, comperit Alexr. Leslie of Wardris and clamit the toune of xiii merkis acht yerly of the tua last yeris bigane be the toune til our souerane lord, and til him as ressauor in the tyme of the fermes of this burgh; of the quhilks twa yeris, James Lesly grantit him, and oblist him be his landis and gudis to warrand, releve, and keip scathtles the said burgh and ballies of the samyn, of xiii merkis for a yer, in the quhilk he bure office of aldirmanschip. Witnes heirof Alexr. Menzes, Alexr. Rede, Gilbert the Vaus, Androw Branche, Wilzam Moyses, and utheris diuerss. 17th February, 1483.

15th March, 1483.

The xv dai of Marche, yer forsaid, in the court haldin by the ballies in the tolbuthe, comperit Henry Bawne, and grantit him to haf resauit fra Johne the Vaus, on the behalf of Androw Galichtlie, burges of Dundee, four pundis of blak money. And atour the said Johne inquirit at the said Androw gif he had ocht to say til him anent the said iiii lib., quhilk Androw sayd he had na thing to say til him anent that soume. And the said Henry grantit him that the said money was sufficient payment quhen he ressauit it, as he understude.

22d January, 1484.

The xxii dai of Januar, yer of God lxxxiiij, it is ordanit be the alderman and consale that Robert Buchan sal in tym to cum, for the worship of the toune and honeste of merchandis, quhen and als oft as he passis in Flandris, within foure daies eftir his cumeing thare, mak til himself ane new gowne and doublat accordand for him, under the pane of i lib. gret, to be rasit of him to Sanct Nicholace wark; and quhare ony four of his nychbours rydis in a cart, that he be fundin passand in the cart rycht sua under the said pain; and for the xxx s. paid be Mastir Adam of Gordon, persoun of Kinkel, for the hiring of a cart, thai haf ordanit the said Robert to pay ten s. Scots assignit be the said Mastir Adam to the organis.

1st February, 1484.

The first dai of Februar, the yer of God m cccc lxxxiiij, it is ordanit and decretit be the alderman and counsale, that the talyeours and al utheris craftismen within the toune, sal, in tyme to cum, beyr thare takyinis of thare craft apon thare beristis, and thare best aray on Canddilmes day at

1st February, 1484. the Offerand; and quha that contervinis, and dois nocht, sal tyne thare fredum for a yer.

27*th November*, 1484.

In the court haldin in the tolbuthe of Abirden be Alexr. Rede, ane of the baillies of the samen, the xxvii dai of Nouembre, yer forsaid, George of Meldrum, son and apperand air to William Meldrum of Fivy, producit certane personis underwritin, to bere leil witnessing in the action betuix him and James Cumyn, tueching the borowgang of nyne merkis, in the quhilk the said James drew him, as he allegis: that is to say, Antoun of Keith, bruder german til a mychtie lord, Wilzam Erle Merschel, Archibald Raty, and Thom Sibbald of Care, quhilkis, the gret aith sworne, and examinat concordandly, hes deponit and declarit be thare athis, that James Cumyn drew the said George of Meldrum borgh and dettour for him to Dauid Rate for ix merkis of a mare some for the redeming of his schip and gude. And that the said James Cumyn was obleist, be the fayth of his body, to pay and content the soume forsaid of nyne merkis to George of Meldrum.

Item, the forsaid George of Meldrum has constitute and ordanit James Lesly, Johne of Culan, and Johne Low, his procuratouris, coniunctlie and seuerallie, to folow James Cumyn for nyne merkis, for the quhilkis he drew him dettour, as is before expremyt, of thare ressate, acquittance to gif, and al uthir thingis to do, anent the recovering of the said some, that he mycht do in propir persone, promittand to hald ferme and stabill.

The samen day, William Kimpty, constabill of Abirdene, comperand in jugement, has made, constitute, and ordanit Alexr. of Chaumer, serjiand, be the deliuering of a wand, his depute and substitute to ministre in the said office of constablary for a yer nixt to cum, like as he suld do in propir persoune.

28*th April*, 1487.

The xxviii day of Aprile, the yer forsaide, the aldirman, consale, and comunite has ordanit and deliuerit to writ to the toune of Danskyne, and to the bertomasteris, &c., of that ilk, to proffir to content and pay al somes of

money and gudis avand tham be ony of our nychtburis, and gif ony offens or iniuris be done to ony merchandis or nichtburis of tharis be ony of ouris til amendit at al thar gudly pouris. 28th April, 1487.

The said day, the alderman was ordanit be the consale present for the tyme to pay xl s. to Robert Themdale for the horss that deit quhan thai wrat to my Lord of Eroll anent the lyme that his lordschipe desirit.

30*th June*, 1487.

James, be the grace of God King of Scottis, to the aldirman, balzeis, consale, officiaris, and comunite of our burghe of Abirdene greting: Forsamekle as we haue understandin that in tym bygan thar has bene gret vexacioun and tribule amangis you throu the chesin of your officiaris and fre disposicion of the comon gude of our said burghe, it is our will herfor, and we charge you straitlie and commandis that in tyme to cum ye cheis nane officiaris within our said burghe be the supplicacioun, charge, menys of ouris, nor of nane vther personis, bot be haile election of the comunite ye frely cheiss sic officiars within our saide burghe as salbe knavyn, maist ayfaldly set for the comon gude and profit tharof, and for gude of merchandise, vnder al the hiest payne, charge, and offens that ye and ilkane of you may committ and inryne in that pairt agan our maieste; and atour that yhe and your thesaurar comper befor our justice, and reuerend fader in God and oure trast consalour, William Bischop of Aberden, your prelate, and the remanent of the lordis that we have now send to our justice-ayr of Abirdene, and gif tham full compt and rekning of the disposicioun of the comon gude of our said burgh, and certify thame, but dissimulatione, in quhais handis at the samyn is on, say that we may thairthrow consider and knaw in quhome the falt hais bene and is, and mak reformacione to be had tharapone as efferis; and that ye cheiss your saide thesaurer in tyme to cum be haile and fre electione of the comunite of our saide burghe, and nayne vthir wayis, vnder the charge forsaid. Gevin vnder oure signet at Edinburghe, the last day of June, and of our regne the xxvii yer.

JAMES Rex.

Quhilk letter Andro Murray has in keping.

14*th November*, 1488.

William Porter was convikit be the aboue assise, deliverit be the mouth

14th Nov., 1489.

of the saide Jonhe Colison, for the strublance of Androw Branche, the bailze, maliciouslie in worde, and in ane amercyament of court therfor. Alsua the forsaide William Porter was convikit be the saide assise for the strublance of the said bailze in the execucione of his office, and in dispersoning of him, and to amend it as law will; item, the saide William Porter was convikit be the saide assise for the strublance of Alexander Allanson, serjiand, in worde. And the said bailze and officiaris quyt of ale strublance of the said William Porter.

The same day, it was statut ande ordanit be the alderman and consale for the amends of the said strublance, bayth the said parties being oblist to stand thairto, that the said William Porter sall pass to the tolbuth dure, and cum bene bairhede to the comon kist, and besik the alderman and the consale, present for the tyme, to mak instance to Androw Branche, the bailze, to remitt him for the offence and strublance done to him obefoir; and the said William to syt down on his knee, and aske the said bailze forgevynnis. And attour, gif ever the saide Wilhame beis convikit in tyme cuming for siclik offence, he sale pay to Saint Nicholas werk five lib. unforgiffen. And for this saide offence now done to the said bailze and serjiand, the said William sale pay i pece of waxe to the Halyblud licht, thairof ii lib. iii [ ] continent, and the remanent to be pait at commaund of the alderman and iiii of consale quhen ever he is requirit thairto.

16*th March*, 1489.

Alexander Menzies, &c., chosin and suorn in ane assise to determine and decide the borrghe strekit upone Thomas Mar be Alexander Rede anent the payment of ane susplat of wool, with the quhilk the said Thomas wrangaislie intromettit; and the said assiss was dischargit of thair aithes, and both the forsaide parties was oblist be the fath of thar bodis, thair hands uphaldyne, to stande and abide at their deliverance, in presens of the alderman and bailzeis, quhilk deliverit and decretit be the mouth of Johne Colison talisman, that Thomas Mar sal deliver, or ger be deliverit, to the saide Alexander Rede ane susplat of woll in the feir, contening alsmony wanis and nalys of wecht as the susplat of woll that was the said Alexander Redes wecht, quhilk was sauld be the said Thomas and Patrick Rede to Tayfer Porter of Brugis within xv dais efter the craft schip salande out of the port of Aberden, with merchands to Zeland or Flandris. And for the deliverance of the said susplat of woll, and of the saide wecht

and gudnes, the forsaid Thomas sal set sik caucione and souerte to the said Alexander, within the tone of Aberden, within foure dais herefter; and the silver of the said susplat that was sauld, being in Tayfers hands, sal redunde to the profit of the saide Thomas Mar. And gyf ony silver be takin upe be Alexander Rede, or be ony uthyr in his name, of the susplat that was sauld, restand in Tayfers hands, it salbe pait agane to the saide Thomas Mar. And for the aventour of half the silver of the susplat of woll quhilk sulde be deliuerit to the said assis, ilkane be thar name, ar oblist to beire tene s. gret of aventoure of it in the hayme cumyne fra Flandris to Scotland, in the schip callit the Barbara of Aberdene, at the wile of the said Alexander Rede. 16th March, 1489.

It was deliverit be the aldermen and consale present for the tyme, for the gret offenss committit be William Belty agains Thomas Waus, that the said William sal offer and present his crag to the goyfs, and his knyf in his hand, thar to stand at the will of the said Thomas; and attour the said William sal cum on Sonday the next cums, in the tyme of hie mass, in lynning claths, bair legs, fute, and head, with ane louse goun and ane candill of ane pound, offering the candill to haly kirk and the knyf to the said Thomas, in takin of repentance of the said offens, asking the said Thomas and his frends one his kneys forgyvnes; and attour the said William sal pay half ane stane of wax to the Halyblude licht; and gyf ever the said William commits ony offens or strublance in tyme to cum, and beis convikit thairintil, he sal pay fortie punds to Sanct Nicholas work unforgiven: and to the fulfilling and keping of the deliverance the saids William and Thomas was oblist be the fath of thar bodies, ther hands uphalden.

26th June, 1490.

The said day, it wes statutit and ordanit be the consale present for the tyme, that gif euer Williame Lamyntone, or ony vtheris, wakis in the nicht and comitis ony injuris stribulance, or inquetis ony persone or personis, or the toune, sale pay fiwe merkis to Sanct Nicholess werk, and vther fiwe merkis to the reforming of the tolbuthe; and gif thai haue nay gudis, thai salbe putt in the goiff, and thar remane iii or iiii dais the first tyme, and say the secunde tyme, and the thrid tyme thai salbe banyst the tone.

17th August, 1490.

17*th August*, 1490.

The samyn day, the alderman, balleis, and diuerss of the consall and comunite of Aberden, representand the body of the toune, grantit the patronage of Sanct Ninianis altar to Williame Meldrum of Fywe, and to his aires maile lauchfullie gottin of his bodie, and to be gottyne, the said Williame gevin in augmentacioun and eking of the said chaplanry to Sir Robert Leis, perpetuale chaplane of the samyn, and his successouris, fiwe merkis of annuel rent, tharof xl s. of the landis of Wattertoun, beside Ellone, and tua merkis of Ardeforke, and grantit the comone seil tharupon, the said Williame deliuering his chartour of new infeftment of the said fiwe merkis, togidder with the annuelis of the ald infeftment, to the said chaplane; and eftir the said Sir Robertis deceis, the saide Williame sale present ane sufficient cheplane, that be ane sangaster and chorister conuenient for the wphaldin of diwin seruice in the queir of Abirdene, quhilk sale mak continuale residence and seruice in the samyn. And attour, gyf the said Williame and his ayris male, being sleuchtfull ony tymes when the said chaplanry vakis, and presentis nocht ane sufficient chorister within xl dais thereftir, than it salbe lesum to the alderman, balzeis, consale, and comunite of Abirdene, frely to dispone tharapone at that tyme, and to present ane conuenient mane for the samyn, to the vphaldin of Goddis seruice as saide is.

17*th August*, 1491.

The said day, comperit Andro Culane, yonger, Abbat of Bonacord, and askit at the alderman and baillies, and remaner of the consal present for the tyme, paiment of his fie permitted to him as uthyrs had abefoir; quhilkis anseird thai coud fynde nay waiy to pay him quhil he hede servit it furth the yer, and he protestit for remeid of law.

18*th January*, 1492.

The said day, it was statut, ordanit, and grantit be the alderman, balzeis, and diuerss of the consal and comunite present for the tyme, that Jonhe and Robert, ther commone menstralis, sal haue resonabile dietis circualie throw the nichtbouris of the towne; and gif ony persone or personis refuss to resaue thame to thair dietis, it sal be lesum to thame to gif to the said menstralis xii d. one the day, baith for mett, drink, and wagis for sempile folkis.

1st *February*, 1492.

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The said day, Philp Clerk was conuikit be ane assis for the wrangwiss haldin of a wrang pek of less mesour, and unselit; alsua, he was conuikit, for forstalling of the burghe for aplis, vnzounis, salt, feggis, raysinis, and al vther froitis, or thai war puttyn to the tone.

The saide day, George Brone and Androw Wilson conuikit for the haldin of ane vrang pek, and vnselit; and all the saide iii personis was ordanit be the consal to be put on the goyff, thair pekis brokin, and ilkane to pay viii s. for thair vnlaw, vnforgevin.

11*th February*, 1492.

The saide day, the merchandis now hawand gudis in the schippis redy to saile, with consent of the communite present for the tyme, grantit, that euere persone hauand gudis within the saidis shippis, sal bringe hame in the samyn schipis, or vther sufficient schipis, to the tovne, for euere sek j tovne and d. of gudis humvart, for the furnising of the tovne with merchandiz; and quha that falzes herintile, sal pay wast fraucht for the said j tovne and d., siklik as the nychtbouris frachtis the said schip, and xl s. to Sanct Nicholess werk, vnforgevin.

22*d March*, 1492.

The saide day, it was deliuerit and ordanit be the commissar to my Lord of Aberden, present the channonis, and the alderman, ande consale, for the strubulance and offence done be Richerd Wricht to Schir Johne Strachin, that the saide Richerd sale cum on Sonday that next cumis, in tyme of the hie mess, with ane candile in his handis of j lib. wax, bairheid, in ane louss goune, and aske the said Schir Johne forgivnes, and pray the alderman, consale, and cheplaines of the kirk, present for the tyme, to mak instance to the said chaplene to remitt the rancour of his hert to the said Richert. Alsua, the said Richerd sale mak him thankful pament of his annuel in tymes to cum, at Witsonday and Mertimes; and gif he failzeit thairintill, or commits ony offence to him, or ony vtheris, in tyme to cum, he sall pay xl s. to Sanct Nicholess werk, unforgevin.

1st *June*, 1492.

The said daye, comperit Ionhne Davisone, skipper of my lord of Murrayes schipe, and followit Adame Brone, Ionhne Fechart, and Sandy

1st June, 1492.

Teile, to mak seruice in the said schipe for the viage, quhilkis personis denyit that thai war hirit to mak seruice forthir na to the port of Aberdene, and becaus thair wes na witnes that knew the conuencioun, the said skipper referrit to the aithis of the saidis Adam, Johne, and Alexander, quhilkis deponit the gret bodely aithe that thai war nocht conducit, hirit, nor yet promittit to mak seruice farrar nay to the port of Abirdene.

17*th June*, 1492.

The saide day, James Colisone, in the nayme and behalff of ane richt worschipfule clerk, Master Adame Gordone, chantour of Murray, deliuerit to Jonhne Moir, sone and air to umquhile Andro Moir, ane retour of ane breyf of ydiotre, selit with certane selis that Alexander Glaster, his moderis broythir was fundin ydeot, in presens of Alexander Iruyn of Lunmey, sheriff of Aberdeen, Alexr. Reid, alderman, Schir Johne Ruthirfurd, Robert Blinsele, Master Johne Badenagh.

20*th June*, 1492.

The saide day, Johne of Myll, duelland at the Justice Myll, has dravin and oblist his hande and his gudes, to amende and vpricht the skaitht done, and gif ony happinis eftiruart to be done, be his skabbit horss to Schir Johne Ruthyrfurdes gudis, and al vytheris gudis, becaus the said horss ar forbodyne gudis.

12*th July*, 1492.

The samyn day, the alderman profferit the rentall of the toune of watteris malis and lande malys, to Alexander Chawmers and Johne Menzies, tua of the bailleis of the said burghe, requirand thame that thai and thair fallowis wald gathir the said malys, sua that the xiii merkis aucht to our souerane lordis hienes, and vtheris pensiones to the lordis, may be pait, and he offerit him reddy to ber the said xiii merkis to the chekkir, and bring hame sufficient acquittance tharof, an thai wald deliuer to him the said money.

The samyn day, the alderman presentit his compt of Sanct Nicholess wark, and offerit him redy to vnderly the consale, or certane suorne auditouris thairintill, and dischargit him of the said werk.

The said day, Alexr. Chamer and Jonhe Menzeis, tua of the balzeis of Aberdene, allegit that thai war dischergit by my Lord Chancelar and the lordis of our souerane lordis consale of al intermetting and vptakin of the malys of the said burghe, and ane thesaurer chosin to resaue thame and the comone gudis of the towne, thairfor thai wald not intermett with the saidis malis. Neuertheless wald the alderman and thesaurar pass to gathir in the saide melis, thai wald pass with thame, and furthyr, and help thame at thar pouer, bot thai wald nocht resaue thame. 12th July, 1492.

6th August, 1492.

The saide day, Williame Gibsone, belman, at commaund of the alderman, passit throw the haile tone, and warnit and chargit, in oure souerane lordis nayme, and in the aldermanis and balzeis behalf, to cum to the tolbuitht incontinent and pay ther taxt contribucioun to furnyss the personis furtht to the meting of my lord Huntlie, locumtenant, to pas with him to the asseging of the strinthtis of the Ilis, eftir the tenor of the precept direkit tharupon.

9th August, 1492.

The samyn day, Jonhe Menzeis novmerit in gold and siluer four scoir markis four markis aucht s. and viii d. apone the commone kyst, redy to be send and deliuerit to the factouris of the Bischop of Orknay, that is to say, to Gelis Farchar, and allegit that the alderman suld caus him be pait of ix markis and x s. that he deliuerit at his commavnd.

11th September, 1492.

Eodem die Johannes Rutherfurd resignauit in manibus nobilis potentis et magnifici domini Archibaldi Comitis Angusie domini Douglas et cancellarii Scocie suum officium prepositure, et consequenter Alexander Rede electus fuit prepositus per dominos concilii regii cum auisamento consilii et communitatis pro anno instanto, prestito solito juramento

25th October, 1492.

The saide day, Philp Quhithede was in amerciament of the court for the wranguiss strubulance of Thomas Bard, and the said Thomas in amerciament of the courte for the wranguiss strubulance of the saide Philp; and atour thai ordanit the said Philpe to cum one Sondaye that nixt cumis with

25th October, 1492. ane candile conteninge i lib. waxe, in tym of the hie mess, and bring with him his knyf, dravin, and halde it be the poynt, and deliuer it to the saide Thomas, and aske him forgivnes, and besek the werthi men present for the tym to pray the said Thomas to remitt him the offens done to him, and offer the said candile to the Halyblude licht, and Johne Menzeis come souertie for the said Philp to the fulfilling of the said deliuerance.

4th November, 1492.

The said day, the alderman, bailzeis, and consale, and communite, present for the tyme, grantit tham avand to Thomas Prat xlviii s., and to Williame Futhes xlviii s. Scoitis money, for spice, waxe, and wyne, gevin till our souerane lordis propyne, quhilkis thai obleist thame to allow on thair girsumis, gif the assedacioun beis made within tua yeris next herefter; and failzeing tharof, thai grantit and oblist thame to refunde, content, and pay to the said Thomas xlviii s., and to the said William xlviii s., but fraude or gile, and thankit thame gretlie of thair first and supersedement of the said money to the vorschipe of the toune.

9th October, 1494.

The said day, it was statut and ordanit be the consall, that ane persone sall halde the haill common gaitis and venellis of Abirdene clene and weill dichtit, be sicht of the toune, for the quhilkis he sall haue ane penny of ilkane fyr houss, ane penny of ilkane marchand buitht and craftismen buthis.

19th February, 1495.

The saide day, comperit ane nobile and michti lord, Alexander Lord Gordoun, befor the alderman and baillieis sittand in jugement within the tolbuitht of the samyn, and thar producit ane act done befor the lordis of oure souerane lordis counsale, vnder the hande and manuel subscriptioun of Iohne of Tiry, as eftir followis: "At Edinburght, the xxi day of October, the yeir of God m. iiii^{c} lxxxxv yeris, in presens of the lordis of consale, it is appontit and accordit betuix Alexr. Lord Gordoun one that ane pairt, and George Eduardsoun, burgis of Edinburghe, in the toyther pairt, anent the withhaldyng fra the said George of the sovme of xxvi lib. xvi s., vsual money of Scotland, clamit be him to be avand be the said Lord Gordoun, for certane salt bocht and resauit be him fra the said George and Gilbert

Menzeis, his factour, in maner and forme as eftir followis, that is to say, the said Alexr. Lord Gordoun sal prwf sufficientlie befor the aldirman and balzeis of Aberdene, or ellis befor the lordis counsall in the next sessioun, that he bocht the saide salt fra the said Gilbert, and gaf him dectouris for the paiment thairof, and falzeing of his said prwff, the said Alexr. Lord Gordoun sale content and pay the saide svme of xxvi lib. xvi s. to the saide George be the next sessioun. Extractum de libro actorum per me Johannem Tiri clericum deputatum venerabilis viri Magistri Iohannis Fresale decani de Lestalrig clerici rotulorum et registri ac concilii suppremi domini nostri Regis sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus Johannes Tiri." Quhilkis act being rede, herd, and vnderstandin in presens of Gilbert Menzeis, the said lord reuerentlie requirit the alderman and balzeis that thai wald causs thir personis vnderwritin be suorne the gret aithes, and declar the verite anent the bying of the said salt, eftir the tenor of the said act, the quhilkis peticioun the said alderman and ballzeis understand resonabile, and consonant to resone, resauit the personis vnderwryttin, quhilkis riplie avisit, the gret aithes suorne, the said Gilbert nocht exceping again thaim, deponit and declarit as eftir followis: In the first, Alexr. Menzeis deponit, be his aitht, he hard say thar was salt sauld and deliuerit be Gilbert Menzeis to my lord Gordone, and he was nocht present at the findin of the dectouris, and he hard say thar was dectouris fundin. Sir Johne Rutherfurd deponit that Gilbert Menzes hed sauld to my lord Gordone, and deliuerit to his factouris, certan quantite of salt, and resauit Andro Branche and Thomas Mar dectouris for the payment of the said salt; and the saide lord bocht na salt fra George Eduardsone, burgis of Edinburghe. Andro Cullen elder, concordis in all thingis with the deposicioun of the said Sir Johne Rutherford, and atour said that Gilbert Menzeis gert summond Andro Branche and Thomas Mar befor oure souerane lorde, for the pament of the saide salt. Jonhne Colison deponit he hard say my lord Gordone bocht certane salt fra Gilbert Menzeis, and, as he trowis and rememberis, Andro Branche and Thomas Mar was dectouris for the paiment of the said salt. Thomas Prat deponit he hard say lord Gordone bocht salt fra Gilbert Menzeis, and fand him dectouris for the paiment of it. Thomas Fif concordis with the said Thomas Prattis deposicioun in all thingis. Robert Blinsele deponit, he onderstud Gilbert Menzeis had sauld certane sault to the lord Gordoune, and had resauit dectouris for the pament of the samen. Gilbert Menzes deponis, be his

19th February, 1495.

19th February, 1495. atht, as he rememberis, that he sauld to lord Gordoune certain sault of George Eduardsones, and Andro Branche, Johne Colisoun, Thomas Mar, and Andro Culan elder, come dectoris for him for the paiment of the said salte, bot he rememberis nocht the quantitie of the sovme of the money to be resauit for the saide salt. And Alexander Red deponit he hard say lord Gordone bocht certane salt fra Gilbert Menzeis, and fand him dectouris for the paiment of the samyne.

26th September, 1495.

The said day, comperit ane discret mane, Schir Alex. Gray, cheplane of Sanctis Crispan and Crispinianis altar, situat within the paroche kirk of this burghe, and producit and shew ane autentwye instrument under the subscriptione of Schir Jonhne Stirueling, notar publict, and seile of Thomeis Fyfe, makinge mentioun and shewing that the honest and fathefule mene of craft, cordonaris of the said burgh, with ane consent and assent, in the honor of God Almichti, the blissit Virgine Mary, Sanctis Nicholas, Sanctis Crispinn and Crispinian, and al sanctis, had chosan and taken the said Schir Alexr. ther perpetuale cheplane, to mak ministracioun of dyvine seruice at the said altar as efferis ; for the quhilk thai war bundin to sustene the said cheplane honestlie as efferis in meyttis, drynkis, and sustentacioun, circualie, be sevin of the best and worthiast of the saidis craftismene, ane day in the oulk, and payand to him xl s. usual money of Scotland yerlie to his fie, of vtheris the remanent of the craft, as in the samyn mair fullie is contenit ; quhilkis instrument seyne and undirstandin, the haill cordonaris lauchufullie warnit, callit, and comperit, the said chaplene humelie menyt him to the alderman, balzeis, and consal that he wantit his fie and pairt of his dietis in the oulk, beseking thame of remede of law ; quhilk peticioun the saidis alderman, balzeis, consale, and diuerss of communite, undirstandin richtuss, and consonant to resone, with express consent and assent of the best and worthiast of the said craft, ordanit, fand, and deliuerit the said evident of vaile, and the said craftismen to sustene thar said cheplane honestlie eftir the tenor of the samyn ; and maide and ordanit Thomas Meldrum and William Ranisone dekynys and masteris of the saide craft in that parte to compell and distrenze thar nichtbouris, craftismen, and cordonaris to the sustentacioun of thair said cheplane eftir the tenour of his evident.

23*d January*, 1496.

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The saide day, it was statut and ordanit be the alderman, bailyeis, and consale, for the honor and defenss of the tone, that everie craftsmen within this burghe sale ger mak ane standart for thar craft.

21*st April*, 1497.

The said day, it was statut and ordanit be the alderman and consale for the eschevin of the infirmitey cumm out of Franche and strang partis, that all licht weman be chargit and ordanit to decist fra thar vicis and syne of venerie, and al thair buthis and houssis skalit, and thai to pas and wirk for thar sustentacioun, vnder the payne of ane key of het yrne one thar chekis, and banysene of the toune.

7*th June*, 1497.

The saide day, the wyf of Jonhe Blak, the wif of Sandy Forbes, Mergat Balcome, the wif of Jonhe Rede, worbster, Emy Kempty, Tiby Rutherfurd, Mody Baxter, Alisone Cuming, the wif of Sandy Huchone, Donald Bandone, Richerd Reidheid, ilkane of the said wemen was in ane amerciament of the court for the breking of commone ordinance, and spilling of the mercat, in bying of meil and tapping it; and the said Donald and Richerd, ilkane of tham in amerciament of the court for the blewing of meil and selling till alienatis; and Dauid Fynne in ane amerciament of the court be his tonge grant, for the selling of meill in barrell til alisuris, be ane suorne assis, Johne Colisone forspeker; for the amendis of the quhilkis it was ordanit and statut that nane of the said women be fundin in the mercat unto Michelmes byand meill; and gif ony of them be comprehendit in the said mercat, thai salbe takin be the officiaris and put in the goif, thair to stand xxiiii houris; and the saidis Donald, Richerd, and Dauid, ilk ane sal pay x s. to Sanct Nicholes werk, and i lib. wax to the Halyblude licht; and gif euer ony of tham thre beis conuikit for sik crymes in tym to cum, sel pay xl s. to Sanct Nicholes werk vnforgevin.

6*th October*, 1497.

The saide day, it was statut and ordanit be the alderman and consale, that nay meill byaris sal cum in the mercat for this instant yer; and gif ony beis fundin in the mercat, and beis conuikit tharof, the first tym thai

6th October, 1497. sal pay the vnlaw, the secunde tym put in the goif, and the thrid tym expellit the toune.

22*d June*, 1498.

The saide day, it is statut and ordanit be the alderman and consale, for the commoune profit of the toune, according to the alde lovabill consuetud and law of this burgh, that al pynouris and cariaris of gudis within this burghe sal haue for ilkan barell, borne fra the key, or fra the schip burd at the key, to ony part of this burghe beneath the Braidgutter, ane penny Scots money, and for ilkan barell bevne the Braidgutter, tua pennies; and for ilkane chalder of lyme, colis, salt, quhet, malt, and vyther stuf beneath the Braidgutter, vii d., and bevne it tua s., and for ane byrne beneth, i half penny, and bevne j d., and sua of tunnys and vyther gudis tunlyk, be the consideracioun of the aldirman and counsal; and quha brekis this statut, or ony pont contenit in it, sal be secludit and forbedin the toune, thai beand conuikit thairintill; and that nay persone that inqueris, or intendis to beir or cary sic gudis, be stoppit nor impedit be the pynouris, bot that thai haue fredome thairto; and quhais dois in the contrar, and beis conuikit tharof, salbe punist be the aldirman and consale, and pay ane vnlaw, unforgevin. And that ilkan berar of girnal gudis haue ane band fast at thar pok, and that the pok be knit and closit or it cum out the keill or bot burd.

19*th August*, 1498.

James, be the grace of God King of Scottis, till all and sindrie our officiaris, liegis, and subditis quhome it efferis, quhais knawledge thir our letres sal cum, greting: Forsamekil as our vthyr letres war direkit obefor be aviss and deliuerance of the lordis of our counsale, chargeing, for certan resonable caussis concerning the gude of merchandice, and comon wel of oure realme, that nay schipis suld pass nor saile in merchandice furtht of oure realme, in ony pairt within the Duk of Burgundyeis land, for ane certan tyme to cum, lik as oure vther letres and proclamacioun maid tharapon proportis. Neuertheless, becauss we knaw that ane schip of the toune of Wer in Zeland, the maister and skipper thairof callit Neilball, was ladyne and chargit with merchandice and gudis of St. Nicholess of Abirdene, and vytheris oure lieges, befor the making of the said

proclamacioun, and wes redy to haf depertit, and gif she war stopit of hir viage, it suld be gret sketh baith to the skepar and merchandes. Herefor, of oure special fauoris, we gif and grantis full licence and fredome, be thir our letres, to the said skipper and merchandis to pass quhen at plessis thame, with the said schip, and merchandice and gudis, to the Campver, or ony vther partis beyond say that plessis tham, for the exerceing of thar merchandice, and wil that that thai be nocht accusit, attachit, arrestit, or trubulit thairfor, in thair personis, schip, merchandis, or gudis, be vs or ony of oure officiaris, lieges, or subditis, in ony viss, nochtwithstanding ony proclamacioun, inhibitioun, lieu or chargis of ouris in the contrar, &c. Gevin, vnder our priue seile, at Sterueling, the xix day of August, and of oure regne the xi yer. 19th August, 1498.

15*th October*, 1498.

The saide day, the alderman, balyeis, and diuerss vtheris of the consale present for the tyme, grantit to Mabuys belman xx s. to by him ane pee for to pass ilka Mononday throucht the toune, in the morning, to name and pray for the saulis gevin him in bile, as vyss and wont is, and has bene tymes bigen.

28*th January*, 1500.

The said day, it was statut, ordanit, and grantit be the alderman, balyeis, and maist pairt of the consall and comunite present for the tyme, that Jonhe and Robert, thar comone menstralis, sal haue resonabile diets, sevralie, throw the nichtbors of the towne; And gif ony persone, or personis, refuss to resaue thame to thar dietis, it sal be lesum to thame to gif to the said menstrals xij d. one the day, bat for mett, drink, and wagis, for simpile folkis.

21*st August*, 1500.

The xxi day of August, the yer forsaid, it was statut and ordanit, for the eschewing of the plage of pestilence and safte of the toune, that thir houssis vnderwritin, and al personis beand within tham: that is to say, the houss of Duncan Colisoun, Johne Colisoun, Johne of Cullan, Gilleys, Alexr. Hay, Jonhe Syme, Cristiane Fichat, Amy Traill, Dauy Club, Thome of Myding, &c., salbe closit for this space of xv dais nixt herefter, ande all vyther personis that the alderman ande the officiaris chargis; and

12th August, 1500. nocht to cum vteucht ther houssis and lugeings, vnder the pane of ded; and the kystis that come out of the ship that com now of lait fra Danskin to Patrick Andersone, be brynt; and that ale personis that come hame in the said ship, keip thame inclusit in thar houssis for the space of xv dais, under the pane of ded, becauss the said personis, and thair houssis, befor writtin, reset pairt of the said personis and thar gudis. And quhay that wantis ony sustentacioun, the toune sall mister to thame nedfull thingis. Quhilk statut and comon ordinance wes made be the alderman, balzes, counsal, and comunite of the burgh, in ane voce concordand, and openly red, heard, and vnderstandin.

23*d March*, 1501.

The saide day, comperit Albert Gerardson, Hollander, master, under God, of ane brokin schip of Skedame, quhilk, throw storme of sey, happin to brek, and the wrak of hir come in on the cost of Croudane, in Buchan, quhilkis wrak, nethis, saile, takill, and towis, and ale stuf being with the saide schip as scho come to lande, he grantit he had sauld to ane nobile lorde, William Master of Eroll, for xv Frenche crounis of golde, quhilk he resauit in numerit golde, in the nayme of the saide lorde, be the handis of Johne Chene of Essilmonde and Sir Johne Baxtar, and dischargit and quietclamit the saide lorde, his mene seruandis, ther ayris, executouris, ande assignes; and all uthiris quhome it efferis, for him, his ayris, executouris, ande assignes. And all uthiris quhome it efferis, now and for euar, witht consent and assent of Adriane Clayssone, Adriane Cornelson, James Melisone, Johne Zensone, and Cleyss Williamsone, and utheris marinaris and schipmen, being in the saide schip; apone the quhilkis Johne Chene of Essilmonde, in the name of the said lorde, askit instrument at me, Sir Johne Stirueling, notar publict, under the secret seil procurit therto, be the saide Albert, befor the witnes, Alexr. Menzes, aldirman, Johne Cullan, Androw Cullane, Jonhne Wormet, Johne Mar, Dauid Mar, balzeis, Johne Steuinson, Jonhne Fechat, burgessis of Aberdene, Geyss Okertoune, Cornelius Petersone.

3*d December*, 1501.

The saide day, the aldirman, ballisis, and consale present for the tyme, ordanit i petra and ½ of wax, to be made in torches and prekatis, and iii gallonis of wyne, [ ] boystis of skorcheatis, to be given in ane propin

to the lorde Gray, Justice till our souerane lorde quhen he come to the Ayre of Abirdene fra the northt pairtis; and ordanit Gilbert Mengzeis and Androu Cullane denys of the gilde, to outred the said thingis of the common gudis of the said burghe. 3d December, 1501.

3d February, 1502.

The saide day, Johne Rede, wobster, John Williamsone, &c., ilkane of thame was convict be ane suorne assise, Alexander Reid forspeker, becauss thai did nocht it that accordit thame to do one Candilmese day, in the Passioun, efter the auld honorabill and lovabill consuetude of the burghe, and for the quhilkis thai war in ane amerciament of the court, and to amend as law will, and forbere in tym to cum, becauss thai pretendit thame to precede and pass in the place of the processione, quhar the tailzeours had vyss to pass tymes bigane.

17th June, 1502.

The said day, thir personis eftir writin, Alexr. Menzes, aldirman, Dauy Menzes, Andro Culane, Johne Colison, Johne Cullan, Alexr. Chamer, Alexr. Rede, Johne Knollis, Gilbert Menzes, James Colisone, Thomas Waus, Patry Leslie, William Chamer, Johne Retie, Alexr. Mar, Robert Crag, Patry Chernsid, Johne Waus, Patry Rede, Andro Meldrum, William Andersone, Dauy Adamsone, Alexr. King, Andro Lowsone, and William Murray, disassentit to gif ony of Sanct Nicholes gudis to Sir Johne Ruthirfurd, or tile ony utheris. And attour, thai ordanit the aldirman to folow Sir John Rutherfurd for thar commoune gudis, eftir the tenor of the procuratory gevin to him under the commoun sele, quhilkis personis, at commaunde of the aldirman, was circualy inquerit be the said James Colisoun, ane of the balzes.

17th May, 1503.

The said day, Johne of Myle, at the Myle of Pitcapile, was accusit for strublance of Isabele Scherar; quhilk strublance scho wald nocht haue sustenit for fourty pundis, for the quhilkis the said Johune was in amerciament of the court, be his avin tonge grant, and tile amend as law will ande forber in tyme to cum. And atour, the said Johne being oblist to stand at the ordinance of the alderman and counsaill, quhilk, riplie avisit, witht the witnes being present for the tyme, deliuerit and ordanit the said Johne to

17th May, 1503. sit downe in the court one his kneis ande aske the saide Isabell forgivnes, and beseik the alderman and ballies to beseik hir to forgif him, and to ger mak ane candill of wax conteneing ane punde, and cum on Sonday that nixt cumis, in tyme of the hie mes in Sanct Nicholes kirk, and offir it to the hie altir, and ther ask the said Isabell forgevnes oppinly, befor the persons beand present for the tyme, sayande he wist neuer sic thingis one the said Isabell as he said and rehersit one hire, quhilk candile salbe offerit to the Halyblude licht.

9th June, 1503.

The saide day, Androw Cullane, forspekar for the merchantis, requirit reuerentlie, as efferit, the alderman and balzeis, that thai suld nocht licenc nay unfremen to saile nor suffir nay fremen to tak unfremenis gudis, under colour to haue in uthir partis, and tile obserue and keip to thame the louabill actis and statutis maid therupon according to justice, offering him, in ther names, to pay x lib. gif thai did in the contrar, and requirit the aldirman and balzes to pay x lib. gif thai happinit to licenc ony ane unfreman to saile, but the aviss of the denys of gilde and of the counsale of the towne, protestande for remede of law gif thai did ony thing in the contrar hirof; upone the quhilkis the saide Androw askit at me, Sir Johne Striueling, instrument. Witnes, Alexr. Rede, Siris Johne Rede, Androw Chamer, Androw Colisoun, Dauy Les, chaplannis, Johne Waus, Androw Nachty, and William Scrimigeor.

20th October, 1503.

The said day, Elizabeth Iruyn, the relict of vmquhile [ ] Allardes of that Ilk, followit and persewit William Buchane, baxter, for the wrangwiss castin doun of hir houss, pertening to her in conjunctfeftment, liande in the Castelgate, one the southt pairt of the samyn gat, betuix the lande of the saide Williame on the est pairt, and the lande of Alexr. Menzes, alderman, on the wast part, quhilkis wrang the said William, be him and Patry Rede, his forspekar, denyit; and therefter, the said complant, in strength of ane borghe, with consent of the said pairties, was put to the decisioun of thir personis efter following: that is to say, Davy Menzes, Robert Blinsele, &c., burgessis of the said burghe, the gret bodelie aithe suorne in ane assis, the richtis, ressonis, and allegacionis of batht the said parties, witnes and pruye, led, herde, sene and understandin, deliuerit and

fande the said William Buchane quyt of the wrangus castin doun of the said houss, becaus it was sufficiently pruit befor the said assis, and als be his avne gravnt, that the said William warnit hir lauchfullie obefor, or he gert put ony workmen to his houss, to cum and se him put werkmen to reforme his houss, and to se he had her nay skayth ; and forthyr, becaus it was pruvit be diuersss personis, werkmen, and utheris, that the said Williame, nor the labouris done to his house, dide nay skaithe to the said houss pertening to the said Elizabeth, sathat it walde haue fallin doune it allane, suppois the said William had never put hande to his house. 20th October, 1503.

The saide day, the alderman, ballies, consale, and the comunite, present for the tym, consentit and grantit to gif to Master James Cumyne yerlie tene merkis vsuale money of Scotland, ay and quhile thai promove him till ane half nethis fischingis of the mydchingile, or the furds on the water of Dee, grissome free, he payand the male of the said fischingis as vtheris nichtbouris pais, sua that the said Master James, wif, barnis, and housheld, hald houss, and mak personale residence within the said burghe, and cum and vesy tham that beis seik, and schow them his medicin, one thar expensis, and nocht to pay the said annuale pensione of tene merkis nor nayne pairt of it unto the tym that his said wyf, houshalde, and barnis cum and makis personale residence within the said burghe, and therefter to pay the said ten merkis yerlie quhile he be put in ane of the half nethis fischingis forsaide.

23*d October*, 1503.

The saide day, the alderman, bailzes, and counsale grantit and geff to thar commoun clerk and seruande, Schir Jonhe Stiruelinge, ane burges, to be chosin be him frelie for his excercesioun and labouris doun in the making of thar process of the landis of the Tullocht preceptis and uyir doingis.

14*th November*, 1504.

The saide day, it was statut and ordanit be the aldirman, balzeis, and counsale, for the common profit of the toune, that nay woman sal by meile in the mercat, bot gif scho mak price of it or scho gif hir erllys, and that thai sal tak nay strakis nor cheritoyss ; and that na woman sal by mair meile than will stede hir self and hir houshald, under the pane of xl s. ; and that nay persone baik, vaile, or by, quhill it be deuisit be the aldirman and consale, &c. ; and that all land mone haue thar seks redy oppin to sell to all

14th Nov., 1504. that will by vittale, boll, half boll, firlot, pek, and half pekis, and the tollar sale haue pekis and half pekis redy to serue all men.

30*th November*, 1504.

The said day, it was statut and ordanit be the bailyies and counsaile, riplie avisit, for the vphaldin and preseurans of the auld louabile honor, consuetud and rit of the said burgh, vsit and sustenit in tymes bigane, in the honor of thar glorius patroun, Sanct Nicholes, that ale personis burges nichtbours, and burges sonnys, habill to rid to decoir and honor the toun in thair array, convenient tharto, sale rid with the Abbot and Prior of Bonaccord on every Sanct Nicholas day throw the toune, as vss and wont has bein, quhen thai ar warnit be the said Abbot and Prior abefor: And gif ony man, hawand tak of watris and fishing of the toune, habill to rid, be warnit be the said Abbot and Prior of Bonaccord, and wile not rid, [thai] sale tyn thair takis quhilkis thai haue of the toune, at the nixt assedatioun; bot gif thai haue ane ressonable causs and impediment that thai may not rid, quhilk thai sale shaw and be considerit be the alderman, bailyies, and counsaile obefoir: And utheris personis beand warnit, habile to rid, and failyies tharin, without ane ressonable causs shawin to the alderman, bailyies, and counsaile for the tyme, sale pay to Sanct Nicholes werk xx sh. unforgevin, and viij sh. to the bailyies for thair unlaw.

30*th January*, 1505.

The said day, it was fundin by the ald lovabile consuetud and ryt of the burgh, that in the honor of God and the blissit Virgin Mary, the craftsmen of the samyn, in thar best aray, kepit and decorit the procession one Candilmes day yerlie; quhilk auld and louabile consuetud, the prouest, baillies, riplie avisit, ratifeit, and approvit the said ryt; and atour statut and ordanit that the said craftsmen, and thair successoris, sale perpetualie in tyme to cum, observe and keipe the said procession, als honorabily as thai can: And thai sale, in order to the Offering in the Play, pass tua and ij togidr socialie; in the first the flesshoris, barbouris, baxturis, cordinaris, skineris, couparis, wrichtis, hat makars [and] bonat makars togidr, walcaris, litstaris, wobstaris, tailyeouris, goldsmiths, blaksmithis and hammermen; and the craftsmen sal furnyss the Pageants; the cordinaris, the Messing; wobstaris and walcaris, Symeon; the smyths [and] goldsmiths, iij Kingis of Cullane; the litstaris, the Emperour; the masons, the Thrie Knichtis; the talyors,

our Lady, Sanct Brid, and Sanct Elene; and the skynners, the Tua Bischopis; and tua of ilke craft to pass with the pageant that thai furnyss to keip thair geir; and gif ony persone or persouns happinis to failye and brek ony poynt befor writin, and beis convict tharof, [he] sale pay xl sh. to Sanct Nicholas werk, and the balyeis unlaw unforgevin: Ande to the obseruing and keping of the samyn, ale the said craftsmen was oblist, be thair handis uphaldin. 30th January, 1505.

22*d May*, 1505.

The said day, it was ordanit and deliuerit be the prouest and counsale, all in ane voce concordand, that the bailleis sale pass, ilk ane in his quarter, witht his officiar, this day and to morne befor noune, to al personis aving beir and meile siluer, and charge thame to schew thame thar penny worth, quhilkis thai haue and will sale for pament of the said money to the fremmit men; and all that has na penny worthtis conuenient for thame, to charge and command to mak thankfule payment of all somes avinge be thame to the said alienaris: certefeing all the saidis personis aving money, that has penny worthtis, that thai wile ger priss the samyn be suorne personis, and all that schevis na penny worthtis, thai will prouide, compele, and distreinze thame thar gudis, and mak redy payment in pennis to the said alienaris of all somes aving to thame for the frethin of the towne, according to justice.

27*th July*, 1505.

The said day, it wes statut and ordanit be the prouest and counsaill, that nay maner of persone nor personis lay nor hing na maner of stuff, gair, nor gudis one the wale of the plaice of the grey freris, befor the takin of the haly croice; and quha happinis to do the contrar, the gudis sal be eschet, and thai sale pay ane amerciament of the court to the bailzes uneforgevin for the first tyme, and the secund tyme thai sal be expellit the toune, and thair gudis eschet.

18*th January*, 1506.

The saide day, it was statut and ordanit be the alderman and counsele, that ale the penteraris of this burghe sale put ale the pent that suspect personis presentis to sale to the officiaris of the burghe, or thai by it, and be suorne tharto.

19th July, 1506.

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The said day, the prouest and Johne Colisone, ane of the bailyes present for the tyme, dischargit thame of all thingis pertenyng to my lord of Aberdenis jurisdictioune, and speciale anent ane goune debatable, betuix Isabell Crichtoune, the relict of umquhill Johne Wormet, one that ane part, and William Wormet on that uthir part.

15th November, 1506.

The said day, Dauid Cheman, and Dauid Broiss, goldsmitht and burges of the said burgh, at command of William Portar, ane of the bailzes of the said burgh, prisit ane corss of gold, weyand half ane unce, and half ane unicorn weicht, to lviii s. and vi d., and ane ring of gold, witht ane blew stan, till ane Franche croune, in all thingis be thair aithis, quhilk was put to the said bailze be Mathow Ross, seruitour till ane worschipfull man, Sir Alexr. Monemeill, parsone of Forbes, and was layd to him in wed for certane money: that is to say, the said corss for iii Frenche crounis, and the said ring for ane unicorne of golde.

27th February, 1507.

The said day, comperit Normond Lesly, ane of the officiars of the said burgh, and schew and respond that, at the command of Johnne of Mar, ane of the baillies of the said burgh, he raessauit ane gold ring fra Dauid Murray on the behalf of Androw Murray his fadir, to ger prise the said ring at the mercat corss of the said burgh for certane money awing to the said Androw, for the quhilkis the said ring was plegeit to hyme. And the said day, comperit Dauid Theman, Dauid Croiss, goldsmythis, lauchtfully warnit and chargit tharto, quhilkis deponit be thair aithes, that thai at command of the said officiar, chargeing thame in the kingis nayme, prouist and baillies, to prise the said ring, and that the said officiar put the said ring at the merkat croiss of the said burgh, the v day of the moneth of Februar, the yer of God jai v^{c} and sevin yers, and thai prisit the said ring till aucht merkis and half a merk, be thair aithes and consciens, the weicht of the Rose noble till tua merkis, the secund day of process. Item, the xii day of the said monetht, the said officiar put the said ring to the said merkat corss, to be prisit for the said money, quhilkis the saidis Dauid Theman and Dauid Broyss prisit to viii merkis and ½, the noble weht tua merkis. Item, the xix day of the said monetht of Fe-

bruar, the thrid day of process, the said officiar put the said ring to the said merkat corss, to be prisit for the said money, quhilkis the saidis Dauid Theman and Dauid Brouss prisit the samen, as said is. Item, the xxv day of the said monetht, the said officiar prisit the said ring, as ferd day of process, to the said merkat corss to be apprisit for the said money, quhilkis the said Dauid and Dauid apprisit the said ring to viii merkis and ½m as said is, for the pament of the some awand to the said Androw; the quhilk ring being apprisit, the said officiar, be werteu of his office, profferit to sell till ony personys that wald by the said ring, and gif maist for it, or pay the soume that it was prisit to. And becaus the said ring, of ressone, suld be first offerit to the awynar, the baillies chargit the said officiar to pass, and, befor sufficient witnes, offir the said ring to the awanar, and gif he refusit it, to deliuer it to the creditour that the money is awing to; and gif the said ring excedis the debt, to deliuer the excrescence tharof the awar of the said ring. 27th February, 1507.

16*th May*, 1507.

The saide day, it was statut and ordanit, be the prouest, bailyeis, and counsale for the vphaldin of the alde louabile consuetuid, honor, and rite of the toune, that all manere of youthis, burgeis and burges sonnys, salbe redy everie halyday to pass with the Abbat and Prior of Bonacord, in thair array convenient thairto, under the paine of xx. sh. ilkane persone that fayleis, and [ ] tharof for thar unlawe unforgevin; quhilk unlawe salbe departit betuixt Sanct Nicholes werk and the said Abbat and Prior equalie; and in likuiss thai ordanit the tounes officers to be redy to pass with the said Abbatt and Prior continualie for the honor of the toune.

28*th May*, 1507.

The said day, the prouest and bailyis statut and ordanit that ale skynaris sale gang befor the cordinaris in ale processiounis, baitht in Candilmes play and utheris processionis that accordis thame to gang in.

8*th October*, 1507.

The said day, it was statut and ordanit for the comone proffit, weill, and gud reull of this burgh, be the prouest, bailzes, and consale, that na burges within this burgh sal haue nay forstallar vnder him to pas in quintray to

8th October, 1507. forestall the burgh in bieing of woll, hidis, nor skynnis, vnder the pane of fiwe merkis; and that nay merchand sale tak ane vther mannis merchand out of his hand vnto the tyme that he have comptit and raknit finaly with his merchand, and be free of him, vnder the pane of fiwe markis.

Item, that nay merchand oppin his butht dur to sel or by, or do ony merchandise one ane Sonday, vnder the pane of ane pund of walx, or the waile of it, to be applyit to the Halyblud licht.

Item, it is statut and ordanit that na taulcht be barrellit nor schippit, vnder the pane of eshet to the toune, quhar it may be comprehendit, and viii s. of the sellar for ane amerciament, and thar personis and gudis to be dangerit be the kingis hienes.

Item, it is statut and ordaynit that nay swyne be haldin withtin this toun, vtteuche band, or ane ring in thar wort, vnder the pane of eshet of thame, and viii s. uneforgevin; and gif thai be fundin vteuche band, and without ring in thar wort, fifteine dais beand runyne, thai salbe eshet, and lesum to be slane, quhaireuer thai ma be fundin.

Item, that all forstallaris salbe accusit and punisit for thar forstalling, be the lovabill statutis and consuetud of the burghe.

Item, that ale fut chepman berand paxis one thar bakis, salbe free to cum and pas saiffly to the said burgh without ony accusatioune, or pan of forstalling of the burghe.

Item, it is statut and ordanit that nay litstaris [ ] skynneris, nor craftismen, sale wesche thair clethis, hidis, skynnis, nor vyther stuf, in the comon riuolis, loche, nor watteris; and that nay red fische, quhit fische, claythis, nor vyther stuff that may infect the watter, be cassin nor weschin in it.

Item, that nay drauchtis be haldin apon the said loche, nor riuolis, nor watteris in priue, nor appert, bot vtterly destroyit.

Item, that ane preue inquest be takin of ale unlauchful personis housis, draucht haldaris, walcaris, and of ale vyeris poyntis perteyning tharto [ ] and punist be the law.

Item, that ale candilmakaris has candile reddy to sele to ale mane, anp thai salbe sellit be richt wecht, the pund for iij d., small weikit and dry.

Item, that nay aill be sellit derar this yeir than viii d. the galloun, be fre folkis, and vi d. the galloun, be vnfrehaldaris.

Item, that ale baxtaris sale haue breid of quheit sufficient, gud and clene stuf, penny breid and tua penny breid.

Item, that diligent inquisitioun be takin of ale infect personis with this strange seiknes of Nappillis, for the sawetie of the toun; and the personis beand infectit therwith be chargit to keip thame in ther howssis and vther places, fra the haill folkis. 8th October, 1507.

Item, that the fleshouris sale sell na flesch quhill it be prisit, ande euery Setterday the bailzeis about circualy sale pas with the flesch prisaris, and set it eftir thar aithtis.

Item, that quhit fisharis sale putte the fische to the mercat, and sele na fisch to landmen, nor zhit in gret, quhile the toune be seruit, and that na regratouris of quhit fisch quhile the toune be seruit.

Item, that thar salbe certane personis ordanit to cleng the toun and dicht the causaies, ilkane fyr houss payand thame ane penny.

Item, that nayne infecht folkis with the seiknes of Napillis be haldin at the common fleschouss, or with the fleschouris, baxteris, brousteris, ladinaris, for sauete of the toun, and the personis infectit sale keip thame quyat in thar housis, zhardis, or vther comat placis, quhill thai be haill for the infectioun of the nichtbouris.

Item, that na wittel be housit quhile it be putt to the mercat, and at the mercat be keipit, and all caik baxtaris and huxtaris be expellit thairfray.

Item, that na craftismen by hidis bot as the law requires, that is to say, the louge and the horne elik lang.

Item, that na craftismen bark and scharp, baith eftir the forme of oure souerane lordis lawis.

Item, that craftismennis wiffis, litstaris, cordonaris, vsing browing, haue a leid to brew in, ande ane vther for thar craft.

Item, that na man hald swyne fyr and elding in a houss, and that the bailzeis cerss thair quarteris four tymes in the yeir, and expell unlauchfull folkis and unlauchfull houssis.

Item, that nay onefreman keipe oppin butht within the burgh, nor haue license to saile in merchandise, under the pane of xl s.; and gif the denys of the gilde sufferis thame to saile or keip oppin buitht, thai sal ansuer for the said xl s.

Item, that the mettis and mesouris be assait throw the haile toun, and quhar thai be fundin unrichtuuss be distroit, and the avnaris of tham pvnisit be the lawe.

Item, that all couparis mak sufficient barrelis of mesour, efter the law of the realme, and consuetud of this burghe, and ilkan man set his avne merk

8th October, 1507. to his avne werk; and quhay failzeis hereintill, to be pvnisit efter the tenour and rigour of the law.

Item, that na man intromett nor merchandise mak with vtheris mannis gudis vnder colour, allegand thame to be thar propir gudis, vnder the pane of x merkis.

Item, that na mvk within this burghe at ony mannis yit or dur ly langer thar than xxiiii houris, vnder the pane of viii s. unforgivin, and the said mvk to be fre till euerie persone that sall pless to tak or leid it away.

The said day, Johne Litster exponit how it was deliuerit be ane sworne assis that Jonhne Cuk in Ellone suld haue brocht ane act of the consistory court that he was dischargit of ane par of splentis be the said Jonhe, and suld haue presentit the said act befor the balzeis one Wedinsday, the saxt day of October instan, and gif he failzeit in the bringin of the said act the said day, that he suld pay viii s. to the said Jonhe Litster for the saidis splentis; and becauss he falzeit in the presenting of the act, the said Jonhe Litster allegit he suld pay to him the said viii s.

5th March, 1508.

The saide day, the prouest, ballieis, and counsale, ordanit and diuisit ane propyn in wyne, wax, and spice, to my lord of Abirdene, as eftir follouis: In the first, tua puntionis of wyne cost nyne lib. and iiii s. to cary thame to my lordis place; item, iiii pece wax, price of the stane xviii s., maid in torchis and prikatis, for the makin of thame, iii s., for the treis makyn and savin, xviii d., for tua reuchteris to be the treis, xx d., for wekis, xviii d.; item, ii dusane of scorcheatis, price xlviiii s., ½ galloune of Maluasy, price iiii s. viii d., ane gallone of claret, v s. iiii d., ane ½ galloune of quhit wyne, price ii s., to be pait of the rediast gudis of the toun. Some of the haile, xvi lib. iii s. viii d.

8th May, 1508.

The said day, it was statutit and ordanit be the alderman, baillies, and consale, that all personis that are abill within this burghe sall be reddy with thair arrayment maid in grene and yallow, bowis, arrowis, brass, and all uther convenient thingis according thairto, to pass with Robyne Huyd and Litile Johnne, all tymes convenent tharto, quhen thai be requirit be the saidis Robyne and Litile Johnne, efter the tenor of the statuts and procla-

matioun maid be the proveistis, baillis, and counsaill; and gif ony of the said personis happenis to failye in ony poynt befor writyne sall pay fourty shillings unforgiven, and sall nocht bruik nor joiss, tak, fisching, nor land of the said burgh. 8th May, 1508.

16*th July*, 1508.

The said day, comperit Johnne Currour and Johne Waul, masteris under God of tua Ingliss schippis, of Scarisburgh, witht certane fischarmen, and Patry Leslie, thair forspekar, and humbly complenzeit, how thai happinit till arive and cum within the hawin and port of the said burgh, be ane north eist wind and lekness of ane of thair said schippis, one Sonday, in the morning, the xv day of this instant monetht of Julii, and Sir Johnne Rutherfurd and Androw Fife, witht thar complicece, haid takin thaim, allegiand thai suld be presoneris, and deponit the greit aitht that thai com within the said havin to mend the said schip, and throw ane northt eist wind, and askit leif at the quhit fischaris or thai com within the said havin, quhilk licenc thame safer as thai mycht, and besocht the bailzeis to grant thame certificatioun thairapone. And thaireftir the bailzeis causit the belman to pass throu the toune and warne the merchandis and nychtbouris of the toun to cum to the tolbuitht, til haue thair awiss in the said materr, quhilkis present, and circuly inquerit be Willeam Scrimigeor, ane of the officiaris of the said burgh, grantit and declarit that thai consentit nocht to the takking of the said schippis and personis, nor had nocht art nor part thairof; and thai understude thai var na presoneris, and requirit the bailzeis to gif the said Inglismen certificatioune thairapone, protestand that quhat skaith happinit to cum thairof eftirwart suld nocht cum on thame, na the said toune, bot apone thame that intromettit witht the said schipis and personis.

17*th November*, 1508.

The said day, the prouest, bailyeis, counsaill, and comunitie of the said burghe, representand the haill body of the samyne, warnit be the hand bell, ale in ane voice considerand, riplie avisit, for the auld rit and lovabile consuetud of the said burgh, vsit and perseruit all tymes bigane, past memor of man, in honor of thar glorius patron Sanct Nicholaice, statut and ordanit, that all personis, burges, nichtbouris, and inhabitaris, burges sonnys, habill to ryd, to decor and honor the towne in thar array conveinant therto, sall rid with Robert Huyid and Litile Johne, quhilk was callit, in yers bipast,

17th Nov., 1508.

Abbat and Prior of Bonacord, one every Sanct Nicholas day, throw the towne, as use and wont has bene, quhen thai war warnit be the said Robert Huyde or Litile Johne, or ony ane of theme; and gif ony man haffand taks of watris, fischeingis, landis, or ony pensioun or proffit of the toune, habil] to rid, beand warnit be the saidis Robert Huyd or Litile Johne forsaid, and will nocht ryd, and beis convict tharintill be ane suorne assiss of the said burgh, sall tyne thar takis, pensiounis, and proffitis that thai haue of the said burghe, and salbe secludit, removit, and utterlie expellit fra ale takis, pensionis, profits, quhatsumever thai have of the said burgh, in tyme to cum; without ressonable causs schawin and propinit to the prouest, ballyeis, counsaill, Robene and Litile Johne, obefoir, and be considert be thame to be lauchfull impediment and excuss quharthrow thai mycht not ryd; and the personis havand na takis of the said burghe, beand warnit be the said Robert Huyd or Litile Johnne, and will not rid, sall pay xx shilling to Sanct Nicholas werk, and viij sh. to the bailyeis unlaw vnforgevin.

21*st January*, 1509.

The said day, the borgh fundin be Robert Piper and Johnne Piper, comon menstrallis, upoun David Ines, for the wranguiss withhaldin fra thame of thar dietis yerly, and thar fie, was fundin awaile; and for the quhilkis it was deliuerit be ane suorne assis, Cristofer Prat, forspekar, that the said David was in ane amerciament of the court, and aw to pay to thame yerly xviij d.: Notwithstanding, the alderman and baillies defalkit ij d. yerly; and say the said Dauid sale pay to the said menstrellis xvj d. yeerly.

22*d October*, 1509.

The said day, Bessy Layng, the wif of Johnne Beryhill, was conuict be ane suorn assiss, Mathou Branche, forspekar, for dissobeing of Johne Cuk, officiar, in the executioun of his office, and for takin away of the set of the aile of hir dur, set be the said Johnne Cuk, officiar, and putting up and skorand viii d. aile.

30*th January*, 1510.

The said day, it was fundin be the ald lovabile consuetud and ryt of the burgh, that, in the honor of God and the Blissit Virgin Mary, the craftsmen of the samyn, in thar best aray, kepit and decorit the processioun, on Candilmes day yerlie; quhilk auld and louabile consuetud the prouest, baillies,

and consale riplie avisit, ratefeit, and approvit the said ryt; and atour, statut and ordanit that the saids craftsmen and thar successoris sale perpetualie in tyme to cum, observe and keipe the said procession als honourabily as thai can; and thai sale in order to the Offering in the Play, pas tua and ij togidr socialie; in the first the flesshoris, barbouris, baxturis, cordinaris, skineris, coupairis, wrichtis, hat makars bonat makars togidr, walcaris, litstaris, wobstaris, tailyeouris, goldsmiths, blaksmiths and hemermen; and the craftsmen sale furnyss the Pageants; the cordinaris the Messing; wobstaris and walcaris Symeon; the smythis goldsmithis, iij Kingis of Cullane; the litstaris, the Emperour; the masons, the Thrie Knichtis; the tailyors, Our Lady Sanct Brid, and Sanct Elene; and the skynners, the Tua Bischopis; and tua of ilke craft to pass with the pageant that thai furnyss to keip their gear; and gif ony persone or persouns happinis to falye and brek ony poynt befor writin, and beis convict tharof, sale pay xl sh. to Sanct Nicholas werk, and the balyeis unlaw unforgevin: ande to the observing and keping of the samyn ale the said craftsmen was oblist, be thar handis uphaldin. 30th January, 1510.

3d February, 1510.

The said day, Thomas Meldrum, William Patonsone, Andro Jonsone yonger, John Allane, and Richard Wricht, was, ilkan of thame, in amerciament of court, be thar avine toung condemit, becauss thai passt not in the procession of Candilmes day to decoir the samyn, and tile amend as law wile, and forber in tyme to cum.

7th October, 1511.

The said day, it was statut and ordanit that ilkane hors haldin and festenit in girss sal pay yerlie viii d., ilkane cow vi d., ilkane scheip tua d., for fogag to the denys of the gild of the said burgh.

21*st November*, 1511.

The said day, it was statut and ordant, be prouest, bailyeis, counsaile, and comunite present for the tyme, representand the body of the towne, warnit tharto be Gilbert Preston, officiar, for the auld rit and lovabile consuetud of the said burgh, vsit and preseuerit all tyme bigane, past memor of man, in the honor of our glorious patroun, Saint Nicholes, that ale personis, burges, nychtbours, burges sones, and induellaris within the said

21st November, 1511. burgh, abill to rid to decoir and honor the towne in thair best eray convenient tharto, sal rid every Sanct Nicholes day, al tymes to cum, quhen thai ar warnit be the prouest and bailyies; and gif ony burges, or burges sonis, havand taks of watris, fishingis, landis, or ony pension or proffit of the tovne, abill to rid, beand warnit be the prouest and bailyeis, and will not rid, and be conuict tharanent be ane suorne assiss, sal tyne thar takis, pensionis and proffittis that thai haue of the said burgh, and sal be secludit, removeit, and uterlie expellit tharfra, in tym to cum, without ressonable caus schawin and exponit to the said prouest and bailyeis, and to be considerit be thame gif it be lauchful impediment and excuss quharthrow thai may nocht rid: and atour, that al personis, burges, merchand men, and craftismen, havand na takis, habill to rid, beand warnit be the prouest and bailyeis as said is, and will nocht rid, sall pay xx sh. to Sanct Nicholes werk unforgevin, and aucht shillingis to the bailyeis unlaw, without lauchful impediment as said is, conformand to the uther actis maid tharapone obefoir.

25*th January*, 1512.

The said day, the prouest, bailyeis, and counsale present for the tyme, ratefeit and approvit the actis maid obefoir, that every craft within this townne, sall haue a pair of torcheiss, honestlie maid of four pund of wax, to decoir and worschip the sacrament one Corpus Xti day, and at the Fest of Pasche, at the Resurrexion, at Youle, and at all vther tymes, quhen neid is to the honor of the townn; and ordainns all frie and unfre to loit and scot, and pay thair part tharto, as thai are extentit to, be the deknys of thair craftis.

10*th May*, 1512.

The x day of the monetht of Maii, the yer of God j^{m} v^{c} and xii yeris, thir personis etirwrittin: that is to say, Jonhne of Cullane, Androwe Cullane, Patry Leslie, Jonhne Blak, and Georg Byssat, was chesin and suorne the gret aithes, be the haile balzeis, counsale, and comunite of the toune, to set and extent the svme of fiwe hundretht pundis, vsuale money of Scotland, for the releving of the justice ayr and chavmerlane ayr of the burghe; with aviss of the prouost and certane of craftismen, pairt of ilkan craft, and the expenss and propynis gevin to the clerkis and lordis.

14th July, 1512.

14*th July*, 1512.

The saide day, the prouost and balzeis accusit George Currour of Dorne, for the trublance of the toune, the xiii day of this instant monetht of Julii, as thai allegit, quhilk trublance the said Georg denyit, and offerit him til vnderlie the decisioun of ane assis; and incontinent therefter the said accioun was put to the declaracioun of the best and wortheast burges of the said burghe present for the tyme, quhilkis riplie avisit, the ressonis and allegacionis of baitht the said pairteis, herd, sene, and vnderstandin, witnes producit, it wes fund and deliuerit be the said assis, Schir Iohne Rutherfurd, forspekar, the said George quyt of all strublance of the said burghe.

19*th March*, 1514.

The said day, the prouest exponit and opinlie declarit how yt is nocht unknawin that he, at command of oure souerane lordis hienes and my lord of Huntlie, had callit in the haile towne, and gert cheiss certane commissaris to pass to the Parliament, and diuisit thair expensis, and deliuerit the bile tharapon, quhame fra the said expenssis suld be takin to Dauid Andersone, ane of the balzeis of the said burghe, and that he and the commissaris chesin tharto wes redy to ryd, and could nocht get the expensis diuisit for tham; tharfor the prouest protestit that the skaith cumand thairof suld turne apon the personis avand the said expensis, or on the balze, in defalt of execucioun of his office.

7*th September*, 1515.

The quhilk day, Dauid Brownn grantit him awand to my lord the Elect of Abirdene, iiii^{xx} cartill of dry petis, to be inbrocht be him incontinent, tharof xl cartill on the said Dauidis expensis, with his awin hors, and vyther xl cartill one my lordis expenss.

17*th September*, 1515.

Statut for the electioun of ix personis to pas to the dukis seruice.

The saide day, the haile toune, warnit be the hand bell and the officiaris, representand the haile town for the tyme, and, circulaie inquerit, chesit Gilbert Menzeis, Johnne Cullan, Androw Cullan, Johne Collisoun, James Colisoun, Thomas Waus, and Wilzeame Wormet, to be suorne the gret

17th Sept., 1515. aitht to cheiss nyne personis, fensabill pretty men, to pas and mak the gud seruice, and to be nemmyt and chosin be thame.

11*th October*, 1515.

We, Johne Duke of Albeny, tutour to the kingis, and governour of his realme, gevis and grantis be thir our letres oure full commissioun and powere to oure louit coussing, Williame Earle of Erroll, to intromet and vptak all and hale the landis and gudis, movabill and vnmovabill, quhilk pertenit to Alexr. Storne, burgess of Aberdene, being in our handis throw his decess, be way of bastardry; quhilkis landis, gudis, and proffiitis tharof, oure said causing sal intromat tharwith, and vptak and inbring the tane halfe of the samyne to our factouris in oure nam; for the quhilk we gif, be thir oure letteris, to our saide cousing, for certan causis moving us, the wther half of the said eschet gudis, and to apply the samyn to his avine use, and to dispone tharapone as oure said cusing sal think maist expediant. Gevin vnder oure signet, and subscriuit with our hand, at Edinburgh, the xi day of October, the yere of God j^{m} v^{c} and xv yeris.

JOHAN Gh.

19*th November*, 1515.

The said day, it was statut and ornanit be provest, bailyes, and counsaill present for the tyme, that the auld lovabill consuetud and rit that has bene vsit within this burgh, all tymes bigane, past memor of man, in the honor of our gloreuss patroun, Sanct Nicholes, and uphalding of the auld consuetud, that all burges sonnys, merchand men, and craftismen, habill tharto thoucht expedient be provest, bailyeis, and the gud men of the towin, and to be villit be thame, address thame, in thar best array, to rid at this instant Fest of our said patroun, Sanct Nicholace, siclik as has bene vsit obefoir tymes, for honor to the towne, and loving to our patroun; and quha that failyeis, and riddis not, he being warnit tharto be ane bailye that sall be lymyt tharto, to be punyst eftir the forme of the act and statut maid tharapone in the monetht of November, anno quingentesimo vndecimo, without ony fauor.

24*th July*, 1517.

The said day, the wyf of Patry Walcar grantit scho had ane young

swyne in hawfaris betuix hir and Ellene Crippill, quharfore the said Elene protestit for the profittis of the half of the said swyne. 24th July, 1517.

5th February, 1523.

The said day, Johne Pill, tailzeour, wes conuikit be his awin toung grant maid in jugement for the dissobeing of David Anderson, bailze, becaus he refusit to pas in the Candilmess processioun with his taikin and sing of his craft in the place lemit to his craft, and in likwiss for the mispersoning of the said Dauid Andersoun, the merchandis of the said guid toun, in calling of thame Coffeis, and bidding of thame to tak the salt pork and herboiss in thair handis; for the quhilk the prowest and hail [councel] chargit the said Johne, he beand oblisit in jugement be his hand wphaldin thair deliuerance, to cum on Sonday that next cumis, in the tyme of hiemes, barfut, and bairheid, with an candel of ane pund of wax, and offer the samyn to thair patroun Sanct Nicholace, and sit doun humelie on his kneis, beseikand the prowest and guyd toun to ramyt him his forsaid falt, and inobedience doyne to the bailze, and to bring on his breist the usit taikin of his craft, that is to say, ane pair of patent sheris; and gif euer the said Johne committis ony siclik falts in tym cuming, to pay to Sanct Nicholace wark x merkis but remissioun.

The sayd day, tha provest, with the aviss of the haill counsell present for the tym, fund and delyverit, that the craftismen of the said burgh had failyet in the observing and keiping of the lovabill auld statut, maid be thair predecessoris, with the consent of the haill craftismen, in the honoring and decoiring of the procession on Candilmess day, becauss thai wer absent for the maist part, and that thai that wer present, buyr nocht the taikins of thar craft, eftir the forme of the said statut: And ordanit the bailyes to wptak thair vnlawis of the absent, and thai that failyeit in the bering of thair taikins, to amend in tym cuming, vnder al payne contenit in the auld statut, to be wptakin but ramissioun.

13*th April*, 1523.

The said day, the hail toun, all in ane voce, maid, constitut, and ordanit honorabill men, Thomas Menzes of Petfodellis, and Patrick Lesly, burgesses of Aberden, Lordis of Bonacord for this instant yeir; and ordanit al manr of yong able men within the toun duelland, to rise and obey to thame,

13th April, 1523. quhen thai are requirit, eftir the auld rit and wss of the said burgh; givand thame power to correct and puniss thair dissobearis at thar awin hands: And chesit thaim in likwise to be Mastris of Artuilyery for this instant yeir.

1*st March*, 1530.

The said day, William Lyoun, balze to my lord of Abirdene, asket lycens at William Rolland, ane of the bailzeis of this burcht, to hang ane theif, quhilk was convickit in my lord of Aberdens court, quhilk lycens the said William Rolland grantit, protestand that it suld nocht hurt the townis preualegis in na sort.

1530.

[The statutes on this and the three following pages are copied from a MS. in the possession of a Member of the Club, which would appear to have been the scroll of the Town Clerk. On the margin are the words "Wreit nane of this," being a direction probably that they should not be copied into the Council Register, but should be entered in their "Buk of Statutes to be ingrossit in perchment," referred to in the Preface, where they are also to be found. In this Manuscript, and also in the above volume, there is a statute dated 13th June, 1533, relative to the processions on Corpus Christi day, which is frequently referred to in the Council Register, but is not to be found there.]

And, attour, it is statut and ordanit that thair be feit four personis: that is to say, tua to the stipill of the tolbuitht, and tua to Santt Nicholace stepill, and thar to remayne eurilk day, sa lang as day licht lastis; and thair to spy quhat maner of [persons] on fut or on hors, to quhat nomer, or quhat get thai cum to the toun. And the watch that beis in Santt Nicholass stepill to haue ane waip or tua within the samyn; and quhen he seis ony man cummand to the toun ridand, gif thair be bot ane, gif bot a knell with the bell, and gif thair beis tua, tua knellis; and gif thair beis mair, ay as he can nomer them, sa mony men as he jugis, to gif sa mony knellis. And gif thai be sa mony that he cannot guydlie tell thaim, than to knell ay continuall; and quhowsone the watch in the tolbuitht heiris him knelland continuall and fast, than he sall jow the comond bell, ay and quhill the toune be in thair geir and harness. And the watch that beis in Sanct Nicholace stepill, to pyt on the waiffs that he hes, to the part of the

toun he seis thame cumand to, sua that it may be knawn quhat port and art of the toun thai cum to. 1530.

And that eury zoung and abill man that hes or may get ony culwerings, cors bowis, or hand bowis, that thai incontinent mak thame reddy, and ws schutting with the samyn, prowyding all wais to schaif thame self fra skaitht of thair innymeis. And that euery man of guyd, and wthers that may perfurneis, gar mak thame spers incontinent that wants.

And attour thai haue ordanit the prowest to tak with him tua or thre of the best and wisest men and guyd of the counsell quhom that he thinks maist expedient, and mak writings to the lords and men of guyd in the cuntra about, quhilk was not at the said slauchter committing, and knaw thair myndis to the guyd toune, and quhat kynd thai will haue thame in tym cumming to the samyn; and gif thai ma be sikar, that thai wulbe thair guyd freids in tym to cum as thai haue euir beyne of befor, and quham in thai ma lippin. And quhat euir the said prowest and his counsell dois thairintill thai obleis thame to stand and abyd at the samin.

It is statut and ordanit be the saids prowest, baillies, counsell, and communite forsaid, that thair be na maner of personis within this toun duelland, of quhat degre that euir thai be, that tak apone hand to ludg or ressit, athir be da or nycht, quietlie or oppinlie, ony maner of persoun, of quhat degre that euir thai be, without thai haue lischens of the prouest thairto; and gif it sal happin that ony maner of persone be suspekit quietlie be thair nychtbours or ony vthers in ressawing of ony personis quietlie, and reueleit to the prowist or to the baillies be thair nychtbours, that incontinent the saids personis suspekit have thair durrs and zetts reddy oppin to the bailzeis and thair officiars to se and rip thair innys, that the said suspicioun be not of verite; and gif thair beis ony nychtbour that dissobeis thair baillies or officiars in the excirsitioun herof, and siclik luigs ony maner of personis without thai have lischence of the prowest, other frind or fa, few or mony, ather be da or nycht, without thai cum first to the prowest and schaw him quhat personis thai ar, thair names and quhat nomer, and quhow lang thai ramayne, and have his lischence thairto, that the said persons that failzeis in the premissis tyne thar fredome, togidder with all proffeit thai haue or ma haue of this guyd toun, athir tak or rome in tym cumming; and

1530. gif it beis ony [ ] as puyr bodeis that failzeis in ony part forsaid, incontinent to be bannist the toun, and neuer to be resseit in the samyn agane. And all suspect places to be closit wp and [ ] nalit, baith zettis and durrs. To the obseruing and keping of all the points forsaid, all the haill toun being present for the tym, fre, on fre, hes maid the aitht of fidelite, be thair hand wphaldin in jugement, the haly croce tuichit, eury man be him self to obserue and keip all and sindrie the ponts and artikilles forsaid, baitht of this statut and of all the laif afor wrytin, without fraud or gile, and hereto bund and obleist thaim be the fathis in thair bodies; and quhasa happynis to failze in ony poynt forsaid, to underly the panis contenit in the said statut, but favour or request euer to be hard in the contrar.

And, attour, the said toun, euerilk man be himself, fre and onfre, hes maid faytht, the gret aith suorne in iugement, neuer to rewele to na maner of personis the secreits and counsel of this guyd toun, sa far as thai heir and is schawin to thaim, and in speciale, the artiklis and ponts [ ] presentlie, quhilks is bot for thair iust defence, to ewaid and vmchow trubill of thair innymeis, sua that thai may lef, as the kingis trew burges and seruandis, at peis and rist, but inquisitioun and trubill of thair ewill awisit nychtbours.

And siclik, ilk ane of the said toun hes obleist thame be the tenor of thair aitht, to be leill and trew to the prouest and guydtoun; and quhateuer thai heir, se, or can get witting of, quhilkis may be ony skaitht to the toun, prouest, bailzeis, counsell, or till ony nychtbour of the samyn, that thai cum in continent, and rewele the samyn quietlie to the prouest, and warne thair nychtbours of thair skaitht, lyiks as all trew kirsinmen suld do vnhealiet, till vthirs, and speciale nychtbours and brithirs, within ane gude toune duelland.

1*st August*, 1530.

The first day of August, the yeir of God ane thousand fiwe hundreth and xxx yeirs, the haile tovn convenit within the tolbuth of the samyn beand warnit be the hand bell and officiars, on the quhilk the belman and officiars maid faith in jugement, thay beand circualie inquirit be Maister Dauid Nicholsoun, scrybe of the court, be command of the provest and baillies, seand and considerand the cruell slauchters, murthers, and oppressionis,

done to thame and to thair nichtbours be gentlemen of the cuntre, statut and ordanit, all in ane voce, that euerilk nichtbour, within this tovn duelland, suld haue abilzement, according to his faculte, reddy for suirite of his persoun and defence of this gude tovn, that eury abill man suld weyr daily his wapyn on his persoun, vnto the tyme that remeid be fundin how this gude toun may [ ] acquyit of sic cruel oppressionis ; and that eury crafts man haue his wapyn, that is to say, dens aix or halbart, besyd him in his workin hous, and quhen he passis to the gait to turs the samin in his hand, or ellis sum fensable wapyn on his persoun, sua that thay be abill at all tymes to debait thame self, thair nichtbours, and this gude tovn : and quhay sa breks this statut, for the first falt sall pay viii s. to the tovnis vnlaw vnforgewin, the secund falt to pay the said vnlaw, and to be reputit part takkar with the townis enymeis, the third falt to be banest the toun vnforgewin. 1st August, 1530.

Xiii die mens. Junij anno Dom. millesimo quingess^{mo} xxxiii, the said day, it is statut and ordanit, be the provest, bailzeis, consale, and communite present for the tyme, representand the haill body of the tovin, conforme to the auld louable consuetud and ryit of this burgh, and of the noble burgh of Edinburgh, of the quhilk ryit and consuetud the said provest hes gottin the copy in writ ; that is to say, in the honour of God and the blissit Virgine Mary, the craftismen of this burgh sall, in thair best arraye, keip and decoir the processionis on XXi [Corpus Christi] day and Candelmes day als honorabillie as tha cane, euery craft with thair avin banar, with the armes of thair craft thairin, with thair pegane ; and tha sall pas, ilk craft be thame self, tua and tua, in this ordour : that is to say, in the first, the fleschars, and nixt thame the barbours, nixt thame the skynnars and furriours togydder, nixt thame the cordonars, nixt thame the tailzours, nixt thame the wobstris, valcars, and litstars togidder, nixt thame the baxtris, nixt thame the wrichtis, masonis, sclaters, and coupers togidder, and last, and nixt the sacrament, passis all the smithis and hammyrmen. And euery craft in the said processionis sall furneiss thair pegane and banar honestlie as effers, conforme to the auld statut maid in the yeir of God jaj v^{c} and tene yers, quhilk statut was maid be the haill counsale, and approwit be the craftsmen of the tovne for the tyme, for thame and thair successours, and oblegit to keip the same, vndir the pane of xl s., to Sanct Nicholas wark, and the bailzeis vnlaw, unforgevin, to be takin oup

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of thame that beis without ane ressonabill causs fra the processioun, or that maks truble or perturbatioun thairin, to the quhilkis tha war oblist, be thar handis vphaldin in iugment; and the provest, bailzeis, and counsale, present for the tyme, now as afor, ratifies and affirmis this present statut, and the panis afor written; for the first falt, and for the secund falt, the committar thairof to be bannest the tovn for zeir and day; and this present to be inuiolabellie in all tymes to cum.

22*d May*, 1531.

The said day, it was statut and ordanit, be the prouest, bailyeis, and counsale, present for the tyme, conforme to the auld lovabill consuetudis and rytt of this burgh, and of the nobill burgh of Edinburgh, of the quhilkis rite and consuetude the forsaid prouest hes gotin copy in write: that is to say, that, in the honour of God and the blessit Virgin Marye, the craftismen of this burgh, in thair best array, keipe and decoir the processioun on Corpus Cristi dais, and Candilmes day, als honorabillye as thai can, euery craft with thair awin baner, with the armes of thair craft thairin, and thai sal pas ilk craft be thame self, tua and tua, in this ordour: that is to say, in the first the flescharis, and nixt thame the barbouris; nixt thame, skynnaris and furrowris togidder; nixt thame, the cordonaris; nixt thame, the tailzouris; efter thame, the vobstaris, valcaris, and litsters togidder; nixt thame, the baxstaris; and last of all, nearest the Sacrament, passis all hemmermen; that is to say, smythis, wrichtis, masonis, cuparis, sclateris, goldsmythis, and armouraris; and euery ane of the said craftis, in the Candilmes processioun, sall furneiss thair pageane, conforme to the auld statut, maid in the yeir of God jai v^c and x yeris, quhilk statut was maid with the avise of the haile consale, and approvit be the craftismen of the toune for the tyme, for thame and thair successeris, and oblist thame to the keping of the samyn, vnder the pane of xl s., and the balzeis vnlaw unforgevin, to be vptakin of thame that beis absent, bot ane resonabill causs, fra the said processioun, or that makkis trubill or perturbatioun thairin, to the quhilkis thai ar oblist, be thair handis vphaldin in iugement; and the prouest, bailzeis, and counsale, present for the tyme, ratifeis and approvis this present statut, and the panis contenit thairin, to be kepit inviolablye in all maner, in tyme cuming.

The craftis ar chargit to furneiss thair panzeanis vnder writtin : 22d May, 1531.
The flescharis, Sanct Bestian and his Tormentouris
The barbouris, Sanct Lowrance and his Tormentouris
The skynnaris, Sanct Stewin and his Tormentouris
The cordinaris, Sanct Martyne
The tailzeouris, the Coronatioun of Our Lady
Litstaris, Sanct Nicholes
Wobstaris, walcaris, and bonet makaris, Sanct John
Baxtaris, Sanct Georg.
Wrichtis, messonis, sclateris, and cuparis, The Resurrectioun
The smithis and hemmirmen to furneiss The Bearmen of the Croce.

24th November, 1533.

The said day, the court vardit and schew for law, and is gevin for dovm be the mouth of Nicholl Bagis, dempster of the court for the tyme, that Robert Vaus, air to umquhile James Vaus, his fayther broyther, and John Pill, his curatour for his interess, hes provin sufficientlie that the said umquhile James Vaus had thir gudis underwritin in his possessioun at his last deperting furth of Scotland : that is to say, ane gray horss, ane sadill, ane bridill, ane pair of butis with spurris, ane gluif of plait, ane svord, ane jak of plait, ane dens aix, ane knapiscaw, ane dagar, ane bonnet, ane het, ane brovnn govn lynit with blak lamyskynnis, ane dobblet of blak worset with forslevis of blak weluet, ane sark, ane pair reid hois, ane jakat cot of blak sarge, ane gelcot of Ingliss reid begareit with blak ueluet, ane grit dubble compter, ane forme, ane dornik burd claith, ane bassing, ane lawar, ane siluer spone, ane masar of siluer, ane almry, ane quart, ane poynt, ane chopin of tyne, ane chargour, ane plait, ane disch on salsar of tyne, ane brew caddrovn, ane grit pane, ane smale pane, ane grit pot, ane small pot, ane cruik, ane spit [ ] ane chandelar, ane ladill, ane havil cruik, ane tangis, ane brew fatt, ane geill fat, ane flesche fat, ane fische fat, ane stand, ane bukat, ane wavrscaw, ane skayne for the buitht, ane pair of woll weyiss, ane pair of ballendis of brass, ane fedder bed with bostar, ane pair of shetis, ane pair of blanketis, ane [ ] of ymage wark, ane cod, ane mantill, ane wheill ane par of woll camis, ane pair of cardis, ane kameiry stok, ane girdill, one baik bread, and an pair of pepris queires; and at the gudis afore writin perteins to the said Robert in airschip.

1st December, 1534.

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The said day, the counsale present for the tym, ordanet Johnn Tulidef to pas and play thro the townn, as the auld use hes bene of the towns menstrallis, quhill the law day eftir Yowill; and he to haue the auld vage tharfor, quhil the towin convein, the said day to fee him, gif they think expedient for the tym.

22d January, 1535.

The said day, the prouest and counsale, in name of the haill tovn, tharof thar exprest comand and chais gevin and grantit to thame, convenit, and elect Johne Tulidef and Willie Murray, to the tovnis comand menstrallis, during the tovnis will; Quhilk personis sall serve the guid tovn, as use hes bene in tymes bigane; and sall pas, every day, thro all the rewis and stretis of the guid tovn, at five hours in the morining and betuix aucht and nyn at evin; quhilk thai suore to do lelie and trulie: ffor the quhilk, tha [sal] haue ther dalie meit of the nychtbors of the guid tovin, and, ilk day, of euery burgess of gild, thay eit with, xvj d., and of euery craftisman xij d.; and sal pas thro all thi tovin, and slip na man; and quha refuss to gif thame meit and drink, sall gif them dobble vaigis; and quhen tha gat doble vagis, tha sal lef that day on the vaige, and pas to na man for meit and vaig that day.

20th April, 1535.

The said day, it is thocht expedient, and ordanit be the consale, that all the yoving able men within this guid [tovin], haue thair grene cottis; and agit men, honest cottis, efferand to thame; and obey and decor the Lordis of Bonaccord, conform to the auld lovable vse of this guid tovn, under the painis of braking of commands and statutis of the guid tovin, that beis convickit tharof, and to be punest conform tharto.

21st June, 1538.

The sayd day, Walter Hay, goldsmyth, dekyne of hemermen, comperit in judgment, and complenit to the balyes, allegiand wrang don to thaim be the ameraris, in usurping of thair place in the processioun of Corpus Xri, this day, and ganging behind thame, aganis the comond ordinance and statuts of this nobill burght, and all the borrowis within this realm; re-

quyrand thaim for remeyd of law; protesting, gyf thai refusit, that it be lesum to call the said armerars befor gugis sperituall or temporal, and for remeid of law. 21st June, 1538.

29*th May*, 1541.

The ante penult day of Maii, the yher forsaid, it was fundyn and determynit be the lynaris anence the debatis betuex Johne Henrisone Culane on that a partie, and Johne Nachty, twcheing thair landis liand in the Gastraw, on that othir partie. In the first, quhar Johne Nachty compleignes that Johne Henrysone has wrangit him makand a causay and guttar til his bakwall of his house, the quhilke suld stand, as he saiis, forthir furthe than it dois, thai fynd that the forsaid John Henrysone wrangis nocht as yeit, bot eftirwart, quhen he ripis his grond forther, giue he kan get ony forthir document of grond, he sal haue than be lynaris that resone will. Alsua, to the corbale of the vther side of Johne Henrysounes forhous, thai find that it is sett to ferr in apon John Nachty. Item, thai fynd that the gavill of Johne Henrysones thenortir houss standis all hale upon John Nachtiis grond, and the wall that is on southe halfe Johne Henrysones nethir yheit standis apon John Nachtiis grond.

27*th October*, 1541.

The said day, John Herkill, Malcolm Herkill, Jno. Germond, Patre Cults, John Donald, James Dowe, James Prestonne, Alexr. Robertsonn, Gawane Wishert, Wm. Ingrm, Hare Robtson, Sande Mechelsonn, and David Reidheid, cordonars, thai and ilk ane of thame war conuikit be the sworne assiss aboun wrytine for the braking of commond ordinans and statutis of this gud toun of the warkmaschip, in selling of insufficiet schoine and mekill darrar than the statutis maid obefoir proportes, aganes the commond weill, quharfor thai war and ilk ane of thame in amerciament of court to ferbeir in tyme cuming, and amend as law, and that was gewin for dome. And becaus it was considerit be the prowest, ballies, and counsel, that the ledder is darrar nor it hed wont to be, thai haf dispensit with the said craftismen, and hes lycent thaim to sell thair schoine, quhill thai be forther awysit, of the prycis efter following: that is to say, the best dowbill solit schoine thai can mak for men for xxviii d. at the hiast, uthirs for xxvi d. or twa schillingis, efter the qualite and quantitie of the person that byie, and the best singill solit schoine thai can mak for xx d., and uthirs for xviii

27th October, 1541. d. and xvi d.; the best doubill scholit for women thai can mak for xx d., xviii d., or xvi d., efter their qualite and quantite that byis, and thair singill scholit schon for xiiii d., xii. d., and uthirs for x d.; item, barnis schone within xii yeir ald for x d., uthirs for viii d. or v d., efter the eild and qualitie of the barne. And this act to remane induring the touns will: and quhat craftisman that braks the samyn, the rest of his wrought ledder to be escheitt, and furthyr to be punyst as law will.

17*th April*, 1545.

The said day, the prouest, bailyeis, and counsale, present for the tyme, admittit Johne Tulidef, menstrale, to his place he had afor; and ordanit him to be adjunct to the tother tua, that are now instantlie in office, and ordanit thame to play thre partis, and to haue ther meit, all thre, about in the tovn, as tha had afor, and to haue thar auld wagis, and na man be compellit to eik thar wagis, bot at thar avin plesor, as tha think expedient.

22*d February*, 1546.

The said day, the above assise, all in ane voice, by John Leslie of Balquhain, their chancellor, convicted the said William, for the wrongous braking of the acts and statutes, in buying of wine contrary therto, and selling said wine before the price was set therupon by the baillies and council, and for the disobeying and breaking of the baillies command given to him thereanent, wherefor he is in an amerciament of the court to forbear in time to come, and mend as law will, and that is given for doom, be the mouth of James Pentland, dempster of court for the time; and further, it is found and deliuered by the said assise, all in ane voce, the said John Lesly chancellor, that the haill four pots of wine bought be the said William for the time, and received by him and his customers, be sold, but not draw more than viii d. the pint, considering the profits therof, and other reasonable causes moving them for the time.

The baillies and council modified the unlaws to iiii lib. v s. iiii d. Scots money, viz., the surplus of his pot of wine which he took more for the same than 8d. the pint, and ordained the officer to pass and poind the said William's radiest goods for the same, and mak penny tharof, and payment of the said £4 5s. 8d. to the dean of guild in the town's name, within eight days; and also declared and ordained the said William to desist in time to come from all buying of wine and topping of wine by himself, his

wife, and serwants, and all others in his name, while he obtains licence of new of the baillies and council, under the pain of escheating of the wine. 22d February, 1546.

25th June, 1546.

The said day, the haill litstaris of this burgh chesit Alexander Fresser, litstar, thair dekyne of the said craft for this instant yeir; quhilk accepit the said office on him, and is sworne the grit ayth to exerce the same lelie and treuelie, dureing the said yeir; and the bailyeis interponit thair auctorite tharto, and ordanit thame to haue thar banar and Pagane, as uther craftis of the said burgh hes, ilk yeir, on Corpus Xhri day, and Candilmess dayis processiounis, under the paines contenit in the statut maid tharupon.

22d May, 1548.

The said day, Robert Howieson, walcar, is convikit be the suorn assise aboun writen, for the spilling of the townis knok of the tolbuith, and als for the stroublance of the guid toun, in making of insurrekccionis with certane craftismen agains the burgesses of the said town, and the feit men of weir. And als [ ] Hervy is convikit be the same forme assise for the saying of injurious language on the men of guid of the toun, and of the feit men of weir, and capitane thairof; ilk ane of thame is in amerciament of the court to forber in tyme to cum, and mend as law will, and that is gevin for doum. And the said Howeson is ordinit to reforme and mend the said knok be the sycht of craftismen, so far as he has skaythit hir in ony sort; and for the offens done be him and Harvy to the toun, the assise ordinis thame baith to cum one Sonday cum viii dais, and gang sark alane, bar fuit and bair leg, afor the procession, with ane candill of wax of ane lib. weycht in thair handis, ilk ane of thame; and thairefter to ask the provost and bailzies forgiffens one thair kneis, in the towns name; and gif ere ony of thame committis ony siclik in tymes cumyng, to be bornet on the cheik, and bannest the town, during the towns will. And ethir of thame ordinit to find caution herfor er tha depart of the tolbuith.

3d August, 1548.

My lord provost and baillies of this guid town of Aberden, onto your majestie, humelie meins and complains, that my servand, Robert Atken, indwellar and nychtbour of this guid toun, that quheras in the month of September, the yeir of God 1547 that wes, I was, in the quenis grace, presente at

3d August. 1548. the raid of Pinkincleucht, with wtheris diuerss of this guid toun; and afor the tyme of the passing to the field thairof, I gaif in keeping to my boye and servand for the tyme, callit Alexander Vassy, ane gray horss pertenin to me, worth xii merks Scottis mone, with sadill, bridall, hors herness and harnessing, quhilk was worth ane angell nobill, till have bein keipit to me quhill my metin with the said boy againe; and efter the [ ] of the field forsaid, John Tullideff wrangously, and aganis the law, tuik and intromettit with my said hors and harnesing aboun writen, and withaldis the same fra me to this hour, to my grit damage and skaith: Beseikand, herefore, your majestie to compel the said John Tullideff to restoir and deliver again to me my gray horss, with his bridill, horss hernss, sadill and bridill aboun, als guid as thai war the time he intromettit therwith, or ellis to pay therfor for the soums aboun written, less or mair, samekill as the said John will grant or I may sufficiently preif, togidder with my expensis made and to be made in the purssuit hereof, and xiid. for my horss laur that I want eilk day sensin, conform to justice, aquite, and guid custom, and this my peticioun to have the strenth of ane brogh.

9th November, 1548.

The said day, it is founden and deliveret be the suorne assise aboun writen, Maister Robert Lumsden, the chancelor, that Johne Tullideff sall deliver and pay to Robert Atkin fourty s. Scotes money, for the gray horss intrometit with the day of the field of Pykincleucht, and vi s., money forsaid, for the said horss harnesing, betwix this and Yowill next cumis, and discharges the remanent price of the said horss and harnessing for evir; and gif the said horss hapens to be apprehended efteruart, the said Johne to haue him and right thairof.

4th June, 1553.

The said day, the deykn and haill craft of the smyths wer convickit, be ane suorne assis, for the disobeying of the baillies in refusing contempurindlie to gang in ordour in the processioun of Corpus Xris day last bipast, befor the sacrament, as thai yeid in ordor, the yeir immediatlie bypast; and the baillies war maid quit, be the said asses, of all strublens of the said craft: and it wes gevin for dome.

The said day, Alexander Kempt, dekyn of the baxtar craft, protestit in

name of the said haill craft, that quhat the baillies did on Corpus Xris day that last was, or yit hes done sensyne, anent the rewling and ordiring of the passage of craftismen in the processioun the said day, be nocht prejudicial to thair prevelege observit obefoir, bot thai ma haf the samyn ordour keipit that uther principall burrowis of this realme observis, conforme to the ald statuts and actis maid therupoun; upoune the quhilk he desyrit act of court and instrument: and Jerome Blak, dekyne of the couparis, James Hunt, in name of the haill smythis, protestit in lyk maner as is aboun vrittin. 4th June, 1553.

21*st May*, 1554.

The said day, Andro Bisset, dekin of the wrychtis, William Jamesoune, dekyne of the masonis, and Jerome Blak, dekin of the cowperis, comperit in jugement, and exponit to the ballies, quhow that Johnne Jenour, thair officiar, at thair comand, had chargit thame, and thair haill craftis, to pass in order upoun Corpus Xri day now approcheand, in the processioun, by the ald maner and ordor; that is to say, to pass be thame selffis, and with the sklateris, all togidder, havand ane honest baner and Pagane of thair awin, immediatlie befor the smythis and vtheris hamyrmen; quhair thai had wont to gang, with the said smythis, as thai allegit, all togidder, under ane baner and Pegane; and producit ane statitut maid theruppone, of the dait the xxii day of May, the yeir of God m. v^c xxxi yeir: And Williame Robertsone, dekin of the smythis, comperit in judgement, and allegit thai war in vse of gangging be thame selffis in the said processione, vnder thair awin baner, hindmaist and nixt the Sacrament, and the saids wrychtis, masouns, cowperis, and sklaiteris to proceid togidder befoir thame, under ane baner and pegane, separat fra the saids smythtis, and producit ane statitut maid threupon, of the dayt the xiij day Junii, the yeir of God m. v^c xxxiij yeris: And the baillies decernit and ordaint the last statitut to be observyt and keipit, under the panes contenit in the same, becaus thai all wer present, and consentit therto, and oblist thame to obserf the same, as the said statitut proportis at lyntht: And the saidis wrychtis, masonis, cowperis, and sklayteris protestit that quhat the baillies dois or decernis this day, anent the ordor forsaid, mak na dirogacioune to the forsaid statitut first maid, producit be thame in judgement, bot that thai may haf thair ald prevelege observit, and for remeid of law, quhen tyme and place requiris; and Alexander Kempt, dekyne of the baxieris, allegit inlykwyiss, that thai

21st May, 1554. ar put by thair rowme and ordour vsit obefor, and protestit sicklyk, that quhat be done this yeir be the baillies, anent the said ordor, hurt thame nocht in tym cumyn.

18*th January*, 1556.

My lord provost, &c., humbly means and complains, we, William Fraser, son and heir to vmquhile Alexander Fraser, burgess of Aberdeen, who died in the field of Pinchincleucht, and Euphan Lowson, the relict of the said Alexander, upon Alexander Tough, dwelling in Craigern, being under your jurisdiction in an town of justice, that where in the month of September, or thereby, in the year of God 1547, the said Alexander intromitted with the goods and gear under written, pertaining to me, the said William, as heirship, by decease of my father: that is to say, a black cloak, begirt with velvet, the price therof £16; item, a culverine, the price thereof £5; item, two English bows and a sheaff full of arrows, the price thereof £4; item, three sarks of Holland cloth, price thereof £3; item, a doublet of [ ], price thereof [ ]; item a black fustean doublet, price thereof [ ]; item, two pair of hose of French black, price thereof £5; item, a gray horse with harnessing, the price thereof 20 merks; and siclike intromitted with twenty ells of linen, the price of the ell 3 ss.; and £20 furth of the said Alexander's purse, pertaining to him, and now pertaining to me, the said Euphane, as executrix to my said umquhil spouse; which goods and gear above written were in the said umquhil Alexander's possession immediately before his decease in the said field of Pinchinclucht, and then intromitted with by the said Alexander Tough, wherefore the court wards and shaws for law, and it was given for doom, that Alexander Tough, in month of September, or thereby, in the year 1547, intromitted with an black cloak, begirt with velvit, worth 8 merks; a culverine, worth 4 merks; and 15 ells of linnen cloth, worth 30 sh., pertaining to vmquhile Alexander Fraser, and now pertaining to his wife and bairns thro his decease, wherefore the baillies ordain the said Alexander, and Mr. Robert Lumsden, his surety, to restore the said gear or the value thereof forsaid to William Fraser, son and heir, and Euphan Lowson, the relict of the said Alexander, within term of law.

29*th May*, 1556.

The said day, the counsell ordanit that the ald statut be observit and

keipit, anent the ordor of the processioune of the craftsmen one Corpus Xris day nixt cumis, under the panis conteinit in the said statut. 29th May, 1556.

17*th August*, 1562.

The said day, comperit in jugement ane rycht honorabill man, James Creychtoun of Frendraucht, and allegit him grytlie skaythit and defraudit in his minorite and nonage in diuerss contrakis, obligationis, and vtheris effearis in diuerss contrackis, obligationis, done be him, without, he allegis, ane consent of his curatouris, to his gryt hurt, and specialie anent the taking in assedacioun of Maister Johne Lesly, persone of Ovne, the fruits of the vicarage of Forge, for yeirlie payment of thre scoir fourtene merkis; for the quhilkis he hes obleist himself to the said Maister Johne, and thairfor reuokit the same in speciall, and all other thingis in generall, done be him to his hurt in his minoritie; vpoun the quhilk he tuk act of court and instrument.

14*th May*, 1565.

The said day, Johnne Kelo, belman, maid fayght in jugement that he, at command of the prowest and baillies, past, on Setterday wes viij dais, viz. the v day of Maii, and on Setterday last was, viz. the xij day of Maii, throw all the rewis and gettis of this toune, be oppen voce, and maid inhibitioune to all burges men, craftismen, and all utheris, inhabitantis and induellaris of the said toune, that nane of thame tak upone hand to mak ony conventione, with taburne plaing, or pype, or fedill, or have anseinges, to convene the quenis legis, in chusing of Robin Huid, Litill Johnne, Abbot of Ressoune, Queyne of Maii, or sicklyk contraveyne the statutis of parliament, or mak ony tumult, scism, or conventione.

The said day, James Masar, Lourens Masar, Methow Guild, Thomas Huntayr, and Androw Wysman, wer convickit for the cumyng throw the toune, upon Sunday last wes, eftir none, with ane menstrall playand befor thaim, throch the Gallowgett, in contemptioune of the townis actis and proclamaciouns maid obefoir, and breaking of the actis of parliament, and contravening of the same; quherfor thai wer put in amerciament of court, and wer ordanit to remane in the tollbuth, quhill thai find sourtie for fulfilling and satisfeing of the emends to be modifyt be the consel.

18th May, 1565.

18*th May*, 1565.

The sayd day, the consell present for the tyme, being convenit to decern anent the emendis and punyshment of James Masar, Lourens Masar, sadlar, Mathow Guild, armerar, Andrew Wysman, cordinar, and Thomas Huntar, cutlar, quhilk ar convickit for contempning and dissobeying of the townis actis and ordinans obefoïr, and contravening of the actis of parliament, the counsall, ryply adwysit, considering the said attemptat, and ground quharof the same proceidit, to be to genir schism and discord within the burgh, dischargit the saidis personis of thair fredome, and fra all exercitioune of thair crafts, conforme to the act of parliament; and ordanis publict proclamacioun to be maid heirupoun; and the consell alsua statut and ordanit, with consent of the haill toun present for the tyme, that na craftisman be maid fre for sewin yeirs to cum, except fremenis sonis.

25*th August*, 1566.

The said day, the maist pairt of the counsell being present for the tyme, grantit to thair seruitor, Johnne Cowper, ane yeirlie pensioune of sax markis, vsuall money of Scotland, induring his lyftyme, for his seruice to be done to the tovne in tym cumyng, in playing upone the swesche, als weill in tyme of weir as in tyme of peace, and sport and play, as the tovne thinkis expedient and hes ado; he being aduerteissit and requirit thairto; the first terme of payment to begyne at the feist and terme of Witsonday last bypast, in respect of his seruice done to the tovne bygane: and ordanis the thesaurar to obay him thairoff, yeirlie and termlie in tym cuming.

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